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BA cancels flights

Global support wanes for U.S. air strikers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — International support for the week-old U.S. air controllers' strike was flagging Tuesday with Canadian and Australian colleagues resuming handling U.S. traffic after government pressure, but controllers in other nations discussing a boycott.

In London, British Airways cancelled virtually all its flights to the United States Tuesday, and airport sources said that American carriers had also had to make a lot of cancellations. A total of 20 flights was due to take off for the United States Tuesday with 18 due in. Thousands of passengers were camping out at Heathrow in the hope of getting on a flight, though British Airways advised their passengers to wait at home.

Laker Airways, which had five U.S. flights scheduled for Tuesday from London's second airport at Gatwick, said: "We are asking our passengers to check in on time but it looks as though most of our flights will not get away until late this afternoon."

British air controllers are to decide Friday on whether to take any action in support of their American colleagues.

Canadian air controllers went back to work early Tuesday after the government threatened fines of up to \$5,000 and a possible year's jail. The controllers said that they were boycotting U.S. flights because the strike had made air lanes unsafe. Denying U.S. administration charges that the Canadians were acting out of industrial solidarity, union leader William Robertson insisted that the issue was "safety, not solidarity".

King receives Yemeni, sends envoys to Gulf

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — King Khaled received at the Royal Palace here Tuesday Sheikh Ahmed Muhammad Zabara, the mufti of North Yemen, who is currently visiting the Kingdom.

Present at the audience were Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; and Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al Sheikh, minister of Justice.

Meanwhile, two royal emissaries left here Tuesday for visits to Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, to deliver messages from King Khaled to the leaders of those countries.

Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning has proceeded to Iraq and Kuwait for a brief visit, during which he will hand over the royal messages to Kuwaiti Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, minister of state and member of the Council of Ministers, has carried similar messages from the King to Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain; Sheikh Hamad Al Thani, ruler of Qatar, and Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates.

Israeli army trucks blown up

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Land mines, placed by a Palestinian commando, Tuesday, blew up two Israeli military vehicles in the Jordan River Valley, injuring nine Israeli soldiers, and Israeli military spokesman said.

The spokesman said that tracks left in the ground indicate that the commando crossed into occupied territory, got through Israeli security, planted the mines, and crossed back into Jordan. The Israeli-Jordanian sector has been relatively quiet for sometime. But recently, artillery fire has been hitting Israel from across the Jordanian side. The shelling was particularly intense during the recent conflicts between Israel and Lebanon. Israeli military headquarters has called the shelling "very serious."

Japan faces strike

TOKYO, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Japan's largest trade union, Sohyo, expects to call a 72-hour strike next month if the monthly pay for civil servants is not raised by 5.3 percent, it was learned here.

This raise was recommended last Friday by the National Personnel Authority. It should be retroactive to last April, the agency said. With the automatic raise of 2.6 percent, the proposed increase would bring the average salary for Japan's civil servants to \$967 a month.

These demands would cost the national budget an extra 278,000 million yen a month and thus is expected to face government opposition. If it is refused, Sohyo has decided to have its members strike during the special parliament session scheduled for September.

Sohyo also plans to organize daily demonstrations in front of parliament and the residence of Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

But Canadian Transport Minister Jean-Luc Pepin said that the 2,200 Canadian controllers had no right to pass judgement on air safety conditions in other countries. Australian controllers, who also decided Monday to boycott U.S. flights, allegedly on the same safety grounds, returned to work after Transport Minister Ralph Hunt threatened to stand down any controllers joining the boycott.

The Australian union is to take up the government decision in court. Meanwhile, in Spain Tuesday, civilian air controllers refused to clear two U.S. military transport planes to take off from Torrejon Air Base, some 20 kms north of Madrid.

The Spanish Air Controllers' Association, which decided to halt trans-Atlantic flights Monday, said that it was impossible to guarantee air traffic safety in the absence of the majority of a country's controllers.

In Hong Kong, the civil aviation department said that flights throughout Asia were normal Tuesday, but that local controllers were "closely watching the strike." A department spokesman said that local controllers would make a decision "in the next few days", and that this would be taken in coordination with Tokyo, Taipei, Manila, Bangkok and other Asian capitals. Unions in Japan were discussing the issue Tuesday at a national executive meeting.

At Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, an official said travelers to the United States were facing delays that stretched to more than 24 hours. Passengers at Orly Airport outside Paris found flights held up for eight hours or more. Swissair in Zurich reported heavy delays in services to and from New York. Travelers at Stockholm's Arlanda Airport were being turned away and told: "Try again tomorrow."

At Rome's Fiumicino Airport, hundreds of passengers waited for up to seven hours for flights to the U.S. "I would describe Fiumicino as one big mess," a spokesman said.

No flights to the U.S. from Italy were canceled, however. All airlines including the national carrier Alitalia said they expected that passengers would eventually get away. In West Germany, a Lufthansa spokesman said about 140 passengers were stranded at Frankfurt airport when their flight to New York was canceled. But flights to Boston and San Francisco took off as planned, he said. Eleven Lufthansa flights were scheduled to fly to North America Tuesday, nine to the U.S. and two to Canada.

Four of nine flights in the other direction were axed because the planes were unable to fly out from West Germany Monday, the spokesman at Lufthansa's Cologne headquarters said. But the five others took off on schedule.

Kingdom's stand unchanged -- U.S.

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — The U.S. State Department said Tuesday that the Middle East peace proposal put forth by Crown Prince Fahd "appears to be the same as the past Saudi Arabian position regarding Palestinian autonomy and peace settlement with Israel."

A department spokesman also said it is the same as the United Nations resolution 242 and 338. "We welcome efforts by Saudi Arabia" regarding a peace settlement, he added.

The spokesman said that the State Department did not have any advance notice of the proposal as outlined by Crown Prince Fahd. The complete text of the proposal was relayed to the U.S. State Department through published press reports from the Kingdom. The spokesman added that Saudi Arabia has not yet relayed the plan formally.

The State Department also acknowledged reports by *Aswad Al-Awsat* that Prince Fahd would cancel his planned trip to the United States in October unless the United States changed its position toward the Palestinian issue. The spokesman reiterated, however, that a press report does not constitute formal notification to the U.S. government. So the United States would not have further comment.

Lawyers' hopes crash

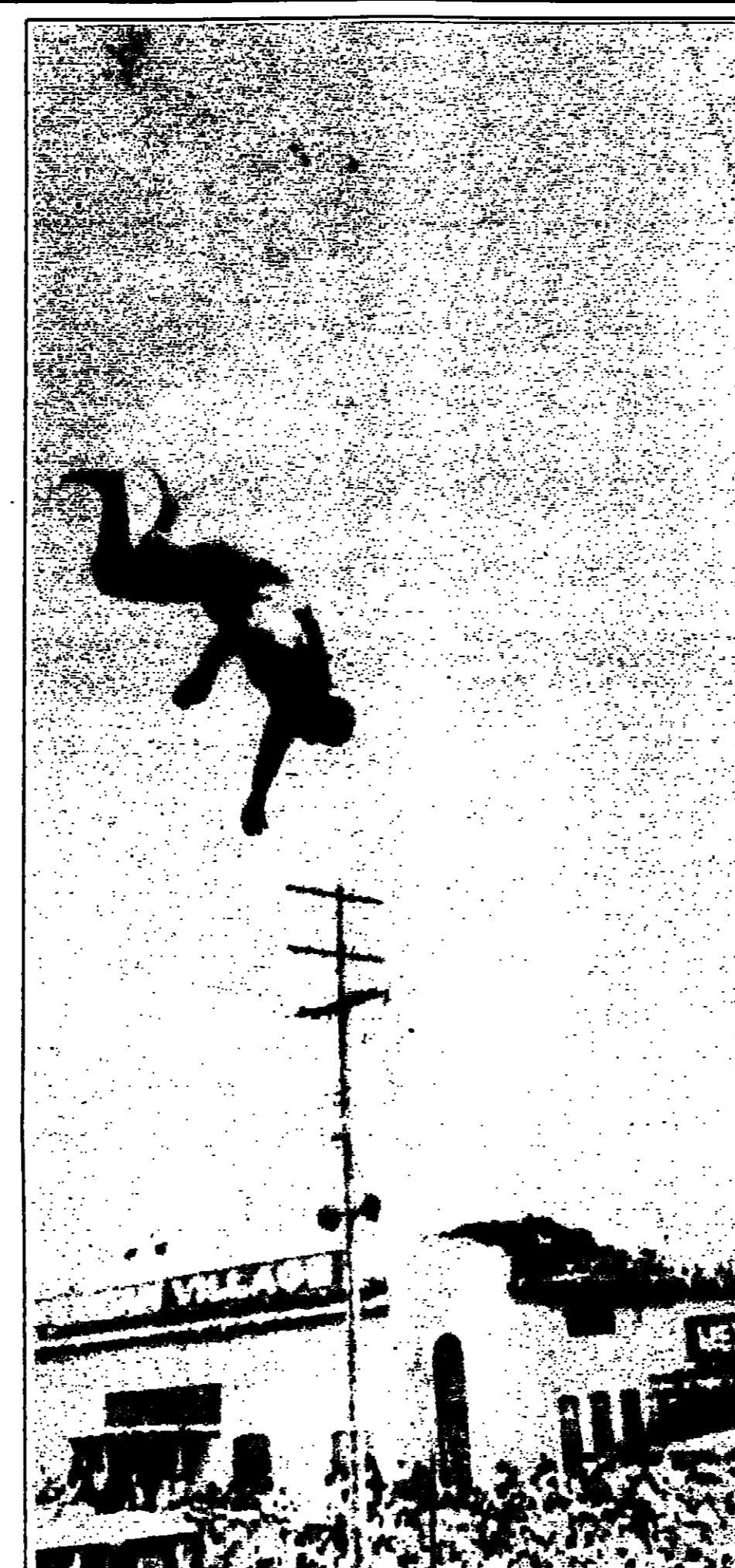
Divorce legalized in Spain

MADRID, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Divorce became legal in Spain Monday, but only 31 persons took advantage of the new measures.

With an estimated 500,000 couples waiting to be divorced, lawyers have been expecting a rush in business, but they said requests would probably just trickle in until September, when the new "family courts" begin operating.

Some attorneys have begun placing discreet ads in local papers offering quick divorce at low rates. They say an average divorce will take three to four months and cost about \$500.

One enterprising company has marketed a \$3.50 cassette called: "Divorce in 64 days."



(WIREPHOTO)
FIRE-diving: A flaming Mike Docterman broke the world's fire-diving record Monday with a 54-foot double somersault, half-twist dive into a pool of flaming water at the Wisconsin State Fair. "I came around in the twist and got fire in my face," said Docterman, 32, of Minneapolis. He was not injured. The previous record was 45 feet.

Majority agree to attend

OPEC confirms talks Aug. 19

VIENNA, Aug. 11 (R) — OPEC's Secretariat Tuesday confirmed that the OPEC oil ministers will meet in Geneva Aug. 19. A spokesman of secretariat of the 13-member state, OPEC had earlier said: such a meeting would be held, to consider the present surplus in the world oil market and possibly try to reach a new pricing agreement.

Hamid Zaheri, spokesman of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), said Tuesday: "The majority have agreed to attend, and we are going to have a meeting." Zaheri said the gathering would take the form of a consultative meeting without a specific agenda, but the participants could turn it into an extraordinary price session. He said the meeting was likely to last one or two days.

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Kingdom takes step to boost agriculture

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers has approved the establishment of a SR400 million National Agricultural Development Company in which the public will hold 80% of the shares. The rest will be owned by the government.

Meeting Monday evening under Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, the Council was briefed on the project by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water. The company, set up to produce and market various agricultural crops and agricultural and meat products, will start in Wadi Harad (Harad Valley). Its activities will later cover all areas where agriculture development is possible.

The Council took up its previous decision number 1034 banning companies under contract in Saudi Arabia from renting and constructing buildings inside the cities to house their employees. It reviewed the issue from the administrative, financial, security and social aspects and in the light of the availability of buildings at present, and decided to examine it further when all the needed information will have been obtained.

Saud, Camelion begin talks

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 11 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met here Monday night with Argentine Foreign Minister Oscar Camelion on the first day of his three-day official visit.

Prince Saud, who is on a tour of Latin American states which already took him to Venezuela, is expected to meet with Argentine President Roberto Viola, Economy Minister Lorenzo Siguate and other ministers.

SR90m contracts

RIYADH, Aug. 11 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiteer signed Tuesday SR90 million contracts for building several new schools in various parts of the country. The contracts were awarded to national companies.

The minister also issued a decree Tuesday transferring Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Al-Salloum from the post of education director general of the Central Region to assistant deputy minister for student affairs. The move follows the minister's decision to liquidate general directorates of education in the Central, Western and Eastern regions. Education directorates in various areas of the country are directly linked to the ministry in Riyadh.

The decree was approved by Crown Prince Fahd a few days ago. Dr. Salloum has been requested to supervise the Riyadh Education Directorate, in addition to his new post, until a director is appointed.

Meanwhile, the new schools include a primary school in Hafra Al-Batea, two in

Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, minister of state and acting information minister, said that the Council was briefed by Interior Minister Prince Naif about giving the cadre of judge to those appointed as Sharia (Islamic law) investigators. It also heard the views of Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Sheikh, the justice minister, in this regard and agreed that a special cadre be first worked out for those investigators. The draft cadre will then be discussed from all angles by the Council of Ministers.

The amendment of an article in the Civil Service Statute was also proposed during the session and will be studied in more detail by the council. Promotions proposed by Prince Naif were also approved. Hamad Rashed Abu Niyan was promoted from the 13th to the 14th grade as director general of the Central Information Department. Dr. Farouk Abdul Rahman Murad was promoted from the 13th to the 14th grade as director general of the Arab Center for Advanced Technical Studies and Abdulla Muhammad Al-Battal was raised from the 13th to the 14th grade as director general of the Technical Affairs Administration.

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Khaled greets Hussein, Ouddei

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday cabled his congratulations to King Hussein of Jordan on the latter's birthday.

In his cable, the King expressed his best wishes for the enduring health of the Jordanian monarch and continued progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Jordan.

The King also sent a message to President Goukouni Ouddei of Chad on the independence anniversary of his country.

Sultan receives Zabarah, U.K. military advisers

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Registration begins

Desalination training set for nationals

RIYADH, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Saline Water Conversion Corporation's intensive training plan to create qualified Saudi Arabian technical personnel to man desalination plants will begin Saturday.

SWCC has recently announced the beginning of registration for its five-month training course, which will have evening and morning sessions. A spokesman for the corporation said that large numbers of applicants approached the SWCC branch in Jeddah and 400 of them were given tests. Some will enrol at vocational training centers in the city in the evening and train at desalination plants in the morning, he said. Others will be appointed to jobs because they have the qualifications, he added.

Registration period for the Eastern Province branch in Alkhobar has been extended to Saturday, the spokesman said. The extension was made for applicants in mechanics and electricity to provide an opportunity for as many people as possible, he added.

Conditions for application include Saudi Arabian nationality, possession of an intermediate school certificate, or a primary school as a minimum limit, and more than 18 years of age. Trainees receive monthly incentives of SR1,500 for intermediate school certificate holders and SR1,200 for primary certificate holders. They also get SR200 housing allowance and are provided with medical care and transportation, or SR200 as allowance.

Distinguished students have the opportunity to go abroad for further training, the spokesman said. All trainees, who seriously follow the course, will receive handsome prizes upon graduation. Once appointed, they will receive handsome salaries, according to the employment structure, in addition to furnished housing and transportation or allowances. They will be given a paid one-month annual leave and additional incentives based on their work efforts.

The graduates will be appointed to the Kingdom's desalination plants located in Alkhobar, Jubail, and Yanbu, the spokesman said.

In another development, Hasa Vocational Training Center announced Tuesday that 260 applicants have been granted admission to its evening motor mechanics, electricity, carpentry, plumbing and welding. The courses which began Tuesday will last five months. Ibrahim Al-Fardani, the center's director said.

He said that morning mechanics and electricity courses will begin Aug. 22 and welding

and plumbing Oct. 28. He added that the center decided to enroll 81 trainees for the morning courses.

Fardani said the center received several new workshops and other facilities recently. These include workshops for welding, radio and television, diesel engines, plumbing and general mechanics, in addition to an art department, an exhibition for the center's products and a theater to accommodate 250

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TAIF, (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Monday attended the first horse racing event of the season. The event was also attended by Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard and vice president of Al-Ferrousse Club; Prince Bandar ibn Fahd ibn Saad, head of the race and steward committee; and other princes and horse race fans.

JEDDAH — Prince Turki ibn Abdul Aziz has donated SR50,000 to the committee for the Release of Prisoners in Makkah. He donated an equal amount to the Welfare Society in Tabuk, his office announced Tuesday.

MUSCAT, (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Oman Muhammad Abdullah Al-Mutlaq called on Youssif Al-Alawi, foreign undersecretary, here Tuesday. They discussed ways and means of developing bilateral relations.

TUNIS, (SPA) — Sheikh Turki Khaled Al-Sudairi, head of the Saudi Arabian Civil Service Bureau, met here Monday the Tunisian Minister for Public Service and Administrative Reform, Al-Mazir Shuaqir. They discussed cooperation between the two countries in the field of manpower and an agreement was signed here for contracting the Tunisian manpower for work in Saudi Arabia.

SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemen's Foreign Minister, Ali Lutf Al-Thour met Tuesday with Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires Mahmoud Bedawi here. They discussed means for developing bilateral relations between the two countries.

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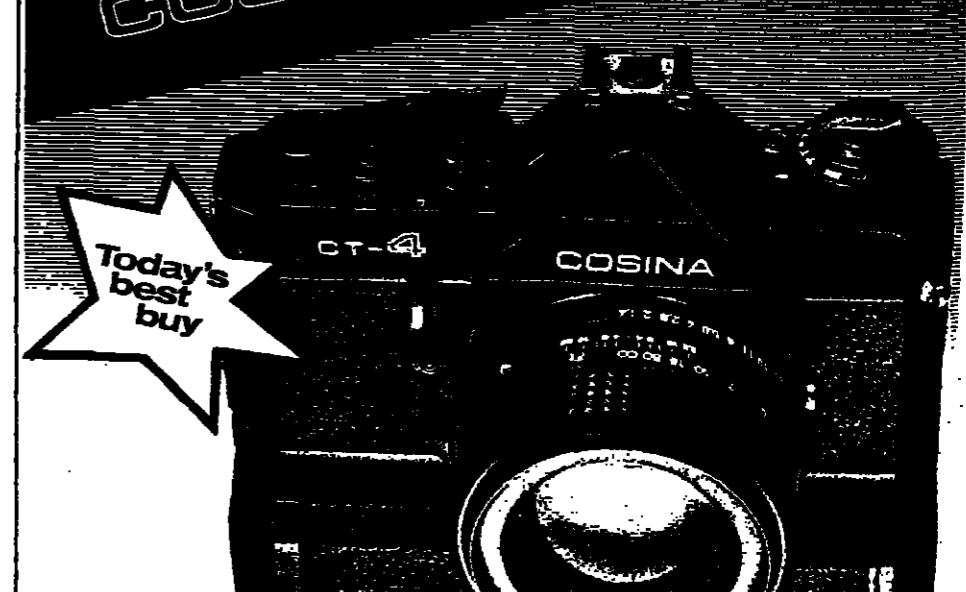
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'Sending troops to Sinai not friendly'

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (R) — The Arab League will tell countries prepared to contribute troops to a Sinai peace-monitoring force that this would be regarded as an unfriendly gesture, a league spokesman said.

The force is being organized by the United States to patrol parts of Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal next April under the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement. Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. observer, told a news conference he would inform representatives of potential donor states that participation in the force would be a "circumvention of the U.N. and... an unfriendly gesture toward the Arab nation and toward the Arab states."

He named only Fiji and Colombia as possible participants in the force, while noting that a number of other countries had also been mentioned. Maksoud said: "We would like to initiate a diplomatic representation to them to see if they would desist from doing so, because we consider the contribution of troops to the Sinai force constitutes a violation of the charter and a negation of the efforts by the U.N. and the international community to bring about an authentic and durable peace in the region."

Asked what would happen if his pleas were ignored, he said: "Let us exhaust the diplomatic option, and if that is exhausted to no avail, then we would have to see at that time what might develop." The Egyptian-Israeli accord had called for the setting up of a United Nations force for the Sinai. But this was dropped in favor of a U.S.-sponsored force outside the U.N.

The United States is expected to supply just over half of the 2,000-man unit, under the terms of the agreement signed in Washington last week.

Returns home Sadat's plea for PLO meant to tilt U.S. policy

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat returned home Monday from a weeklong trip to Britain and the United States where he had talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Ronald Reagan.

Upon his arrival in the summer resort city of Alexandria, Sadat told Cairo radio he would talk of the results of his trip in a speech to the people soon. Meanwhile, Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, who accompanied Sadat, was quoted by Cairo radio as saying that the president's trip was a 100 percent success.

Meanwhile, an informed diplomatic source said in Washington Monday Sadat appears to have achieved the major purpose of his U.S. visit, which was to get the Reagan administration to take a new look at the Palestine Liberation Organization in the search for an Arab-Israeli peace. "Sadat made quite obvious his trip was to push the PLO and the Palestinians as much as possible," the source said.

The source, who didn't want to be identified, believes Sadat's purpose was to pave

the way for including the PLO in the peace settlement envisioned by the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt. The accords envision a role for Palestinians, but exclude mention of the PLO.

"He at least put the Palestinian question back on the front pages," said a State Department official, who also didn't want to be identified. "He has people focusing on it again, which is something set out to do."

The diplomatic source concurred that Sadat may not have changed any administration minds regarding a PLO role in the peace talks on this trip, but suggested the Egyptian leader may expect his ideas will flower over time. "He apparently relies on public opinion in this country being more responsive to the PLO now," said the source. "He didn't succeed so far, but that doesn't mean he failed."

While Sadat said the PLO doesn't necessarily speak for all Palestinians, he also pointed out that the Palestinian mayors of many West Bank towns are PLO members. Dealing with them means dealing directly with the PLO.

In Shatt Al-Arab

Trapped ships have to wait

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (R) — Shipping trapped in the Shatt Al-Arab waterway since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war will have to wait there until an overall settlement to the conflict is reached, a senior United Nations official said Monday.

The official, who declined to be named, said: "what has become clear is that it is no longer possible to undertake this operation (the release of the ships) as an emergency arrangement, and that it will have to be conducted in the context of what we hope will be a comprehensive settlement of the conflict."

He said extensive negotiations had been conducted with Iran and Iraq on the shipping issue and agreement reached on a number of key points, including a ceasefire and a proposed 35-member U.N. monitoring team.

But a problem arose over the financing of the operation which "became linked to the central issues of the conflict."

"Payment for the operation was perceived by both parties as an assertion of sovereignty," the official added. Sovereignty over the Shatt, which divides the two countries at the head of the Gulf, is one of the key issues in the war.

On fighter planes

Reagan decision dismays Israel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (AFP) — An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Tuesday expressed Israel's "dismay" at United States President Ronald Reagan's decision to extend a suspension of F-16 fighter-bomber deliveries to Israel.

Reagan late Monday decided in Santa Barbara, California, to suspend the delivery of two F-15s, set for Tuesday, and four F-16s, scheduled for Friday, until at least early next week. The suspension began after Israel June 7 bombed an Iraqi nuclear research center at

Tammuz, and was prolonged following a July 17 Israeli raid on Beirut, which killed over 300 persons.

Some observers called the response moderate, and said Shamir did not want to compromise Prime Minister Menahem Begin's visit to Washington in early September. Begin is on vacation. But Yuval Neeman, a member of parliament and head of the opposition Tehiya Party (far-right), sent Begin a telegram calling for the prime minister to postpone his trip until the suspension is lifted.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — West Bank Mayor Kertim Khalaf was questioned Monday by Israeli military authorities for the second time in a week about an interview he gave to a Palestinian paper. Khalaf, mayor of Ramallah, was quoted by newspaper *Al Fajr* as saying Israeli military rule in the West Bank has a bankrupt policy.

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U.S.-Egypt arms pact reported

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Egypt and the United States have agreed in principle to a five-year armament and military cooperation plan, several Cairo newspapers reported Tuesday.

The agreement was reached during President Anwar Sadat's visit to Washington last week, the newspapers said. The daily *Al Ahram* said Gen. Abu Ghazala, the Egyptian defense minister, remained in Washington to complete details of the accord. Afterward, he is to go to Britain for two days of talks with British Defense Secretary John Nott, *Al Ahram* said.

Several newspapers reported that the U.S. has agreed to move up its planned delivery of 40 F-16 fighter-bombers from March to January. Some 311 M-60 tanks and 850 other armored vehicles are presently being delivered, they said.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW, (AP) — Pakistan has returned to the Soviet Union a Soviet Air Force pilot who was captured by Afghan fighters in June, diplomatic sources said Monday. The sources said the pilot, whose last name they gave as Gorshinsky, was handed over to Soviet officials July 23 in Islamabad.

RABAT, (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson left here Monday for Paris following a 24-hour working visit to Morocco. Cheysson had wrapped up his visit with what was described as a "very important" meeting with King Hassan.

DAMASCUS, (R) — Senior Libyan official Maj. Abdul-Salam Jalloud had talks here Monday with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. Official sources said the two men discussed current Arab developments and questions of mutual interest.

CAIRO, (R) — Acting Somali Defense Minister Omar Haji Muhammad arrived here Tuesday for five days of talks on military cooperation and coordination with Egypt.

KUWAIT, (AP) — Saifuddin Ahmad Bari, deputy prime minister of Bangladesh, arrived here Monday to begin an eight-day tour of the Gulf aimed at enlarging his nation's export markets.

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Ethiopian troops ejected from towns, says TPLF

By a staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 10 — Tigray People's Liberation Front fighters have driven the Ethiopian troops out of several strategic towns on the main Addis Ababa-Mekelle highway in the last two weeks, according to a TPLF spokesman here Tuesday.

The towns of Berhile in eastern Tigray was liberated by the fighters from Ethiopian troops, he said. The area is a mineral-rich land and site of a series of salt mines which had been exploited by Ethiopia. It is believed to have large quantities of sulphur, copper and other minerals. It has potential thermal electric power that could be sufficient for the whole East Africa region according to studies conducted by German experts during Emperor Haile Selassie's reign, the spokesman said. He added that region is under total control by the TPLF.

Also last week, TPLF fighters intercepted an Ethiopian army convoy between Waja and Mekhoni, Feres, Mai and Bize.

In Afghanistan

Soviet forces said losing ground

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Soviet forces and the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul appear to be losing ground to Afghanistan's Fighters, a new State Department report said Monday.

The report credited the rebels with "maintaining impressive momentum," in their resistance but said on the other hand that Moscow showed no signs of abandoning its stand in Afghanistan. The assessment was made by the department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research in a report entitled "Afghanistan: 18 months of occupation." Such reports are issued periodically.

The report said that in the past one and one-half years, the Soviet Union had been unable to make headway in establishing the authority of the regime of President Babrak Karmal. "Indeed, they appear to be losing ground to the freedom fighters, who are maintaining an impressive momentum," the report said.

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the strategic mountainous town of Alamata. The battle resulted in the arrest of 56 Ethiopian civilians, apart from the death of several soldiers, the spokesman claimed.

Six trucks loaded with ammunition and medicine supplies also were captured, he added. The 50 traders arrested are to be freed and sent to their home towns shortly, he said, after receiving explanation on the situation in the area. The six officials will be given "better education" and released also.

Last week, the spokesman said, 14 regular soldiers have surrendered to the TPLF from various parts of Tigray, a northern Ethiopian province. Three defected from the army garrison in Korem, three from Mekelle, two each from Axum and Rama, one each from Waja, Mekhoni, Feres, Mai and Bize.

In retaliation, Ethiopian planes bombed the town of Dandi, killing three persons, injuring two and burning 11 houses, the spokesman said.

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Nonaligned panel to visit Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (AP) — Eight nonaligned countries from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean were named Monday to go to Lebanon after an invitation by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

They were invited to evaluate the loss of lives and property from Israeli attacks in that country. The Nonaligned Coordination Bureau chose Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, North Korea, Yugoslavia, Nigeria, Cuba and Jamaica for the trip, members of the bureau who asked not to be identified reported.

They said the evaluating group is to arrive in Beirut Aug. 19 and tour Palestine refugee camps under the guidance of the PLO. Arafat has invited the U.N. Palestinian Rights Committee to send a similar mission to Lebanon, but that committee has yet to choose its team.

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One killed in Belfast as police raid homes, shops for explosives

BELFAST, Aug. 11 (AP) — A gunman riding as a passenger on a motorcycle shot dead a man in the center of Belfast Tuesday morning, police reported. The man, in his mid-50s, was killed as he walked to work along a sidestreet behind St. Anne's Protestant Cathedral, police spokesman said.

"We are examining a motorcycle which has been found abandoned nearby," the spokesman said. "It may have been the one used in the killing, but we are not sure." The shooting occurred as police and troops continued to comb shops and homes in the Roman Catholic Short Strand enclave of east Belfast for arms and explosives. The search in Short Strand, surrounded by mainly Protestant districts, began Monday evening after a British soldier was wounded by a guerrilla sniper in the district.

Police reported finding a cache of ammunition, gasoline bombs and bomb-making equipment in an empty house in Short Strand after the Monday shooting. Parts of the area were sealed off. Police did not immediately identify the latest victim of this British province, where 2,135 persons have died violently since sectarian strife erupted 12 years ago.

Meanwhile, angry women stamped their feet and stormed out of a Roman Catholic

Britannia calls on Rhodes island

RHODES, Greece, Aug. 11 (AP) — The British royal yacht *Britannia*, with Prince Charles and Princess Diana aboard, made an unexpected call Tuesday on this resort island in the Aegean Sea, harbor authorities said.

The yacht dropped anchor off the Island, but harbor authorities refused to say whether the royal honeymooners would disembark. The arrival was kept secret by British embassy officials, who had suggested that the couple would probably not pay any further calls at Greek islands and that they were heading toward Egypt, where they would have dinner on board with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on Wednesday.

Over the weekend Prince Charles and Princess Diana made a stopover at the Ionian Island of Ithaca.

The conservative Athens daily *Kathimerini* reported Tuesday that the royal couple also called on the inhabited island of Delos and toured antiquities there. It added that Prince Charles and Princess Diana had renewed an invitation to Greek Premier George Rallis and his wife for a meeting on board the yacht, but "the premier's burden of work did not permit him to accept the invitation." The daily said that the original invitation was made on the eve of the wedding when Rallis was in London for the ceremony.

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Red Brigades deserters live under death threat

ROME, Aug. 11 (AP) — Red Brigades guerrillas call them "living corpses" and have promised to kill them. But the government has an interest in keeping the group of 200 frightened prisoners alive. The prisoners are all former urban guerrillas, most accused or convicted of serious crimes, who took advantage of a 1980 law to trade information in return for reduced sentences.

Officially, they are known as the "pentiti" (penitents) but the Brigades denounce them as "tragic puppets for whom annihilation is the highest act of humanity."

It took the vendetta-style murder last week of a young electrician called Roberto Peci to show just how far the guerrillas are prepared to go to stem the flood of informers. During the eight weeks they held Peci in a "people's prison," the Brigades found plenty of pretexts for killing him. But his real crime was being the brother of the most famous guerrilla turncoat to date.

The Brigades killed Roberto but their target was his jailed brother Patrizio and the others who have betrayed the "armed family." Patrizio Peci, at 28 three years older than Roberto, has lived a nerve-jangling existence in a succession of isolation cells

ever since March 28, 1980.

Acting on his information, according to official sources, police raided a flat in Genoa and killed four Red Brigades, including two members of the "strategic directorate." It was one of the greatest coups achieved against the Brigades in their 10-year history and tips from other informers led to dozens of arrests and the discovery of hideouts and arms.

But the murder of Roberto Peci frightened the "pentiti" and now the government is under pressure to introduce urgent legislation to protect them and their families, and to offer more inducements to guerrillas who want to come in from the cold.

Roberto Sandalo, after Peci the most prominent defector from the guerrilla ranks, summed up the mood of the informers who are kept far apart from the estimated 2,500 political criminals now in Italy's overcrowded prisons. "The Red Brigades have won this battle by terrorizing us with that horrendous reprisal against Peci," he told the magazine *Europe* in a message from his top-security jail.

Sandalo, a former leader of the "front-line" group, warned that he might boycott

upcoming trials where he is due to be the chief prosecution witness. "I'm frightened for myself and for my parents," he said.

Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni is wary of making promises to the families which cannot be kept. "Total protection is technically impossible. The state will do everything it can," he said in a recent interview. A senior aide to Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini said the government was hoping to raise the informers' morale by legislative measures which may be presented next month.

Broadly, the bill would give more protection to families and prisoners and modify sentencing for guerrillas who cooperated with justice, the aide said. "Whether they are changes of 45 degrees or 180 degrees is up in the air at the moment," he added.

The weakness of the 1980 law offering deals to repentant guerrillas is that it applies only to "supergrasses" like Peci, who give crucial information leading to arrests and back it up with court evidence. The new proposals may offer a kind of amnesty to the small underground army involved in the periphery of political violence — such as those who provide false documents or safe flats.

At the moment, under the catch-all offense of "membership of an armed band," they can be jailed for nine years. The opposition Communists, in a package of measures presented last week, proposed sharp cuts in sentences for those who cooperate and an amnesty for minor guerrillas who turn themselves in.

The Socialists, one of five parties in the government coalition, have floated a scheme to protect informers by helping them start a new life abroad. But convicted extremists may be one Italian export other countries can do without.

Whatever is included in the draft legislation, it will certainly anger the families of the hundreds of people killed by political guerrillas in Italy over the past decade.

Judges in cases involving informers will struggle to show clemency to men and women who once wanted to kill them. But even if the government overcomes these hurdles and takes steps to encourage and protect deserters, the informers will still live under this death threat issued by the Brigades last January: "From now on, the Pentiti will even be afraid of their own shadows, because they are only walking corpses."

Jail terms urged in Spain plot

MADRID, Aug. 11 (AP) — The military prosecutor handling the cases of army officers behind the aborted February putsch is demanding 30 years jail for Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch and Gen. Alfonso Armada, and Civil Guard Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, sources close to defense lawyers said Tuesday.

The source said that Gen. Jose Manuel Claver would request 20 years for Gen. Luis Torres Rojas, 15 for Col. Jose San Martin and Maj. Pardo Zancado, ten for Capt. Pas Cuad Galvez and eight for Capt. Garcia Figueras.

A total of 32 officers have been charged with "military rebellion" for their part in the coup attempt. Gen. Armada is believed to be one of the brains behind the coup attempt, while Gen. Milans del Bosch declared a state of emergency in Valencia military region, under his command, ordering tanks into the streets.

Lt. Col. Tejero commanded the 288 Civil Guards who burst into the Cortes on Feb. 23 during a parliamentary debate, holding deputies hostage for 18 hours.

Defense lawyers have had access to the 12,000-page prosecution case, and now have 40 days to demand that further evidence be submitted to the court. The officers are expected to go before a court martial.

Floods hit Indian state

NEW DELHI, Aug. 11 (AP) — Madhya Pradesh, India's central state, is the latest area to be affected by continuing monsoon floods. Thousands have been evacuated from low-lying areas of the state as rivers overflowed their banks.

Reports said that, while there had been no loss of life, at least two major bridges in Madhya Pradesh had gone under the swollen river waters, seriously disrupting road traffic, Monday.

BRIEFS

BOGOTA, (R) — Five prisoners convicted of drug crimes were machine-gunned to death by gunmen who broke into Maicao jail in northern Colombia Monday, police said. Police suspected the gunmen, who all escaped, were hired killers.

LONDON, (AP) — A long-playing record in memory of ex-Beatle John Lennon, murdered outside his New York apartment

Singapore have been making progress in recent years. He said during his three-day visit here he would exchange views with Singapore leaders on questions of mutual concern. Zhao is expected to have discussions with Lee and his cabinet ministers Wednesday.

Zhao, who had visited Manila and Kuala Lumpur, will stop over briefly at Bangkok airport on his way home Thursday for talks with Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda.

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Canada pledges \$1b to energy program

NAIROBI, Aug. 11 (AP) — After holding a tree sapling at a march to dramatize the world firewood crisis, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on Tuesday pledged more than \$1 billion over the next five years to energy development.

Delegates from more than 140 nations attending the first United Nations conference on new and renewable sources of energy enthusiastically applauded Trudeau's speech, in which he also announced several special programs to alleviate the energy crisis in the world's poorest countries.

Trudeau spoke after more than 700 energy lobbyists and Kenyan women and children carried bundles of firewood and tree saplings through downtown Nairobi to dramatize the acute shortage of firewood, which more than 2.5 billion rural poor depend upon for cooking and heating their homes.

Trudeau, Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga, Swedish Prime Minister

Thorbjorn Falldin, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and other officials greeted the marchers on the steps of the Kenyan Conference Center, and each accepted a tree sapling. Colorfully turbaned woman and one bearded old man placed their bundles of firewood on the stairs.

In his speech, delivered partly in French and partly in English, Trudeau said Canada will give more than \$1 billion over the next five years to bilateral development projects linked to energy.

In addition, Trudeau said, Canada would support the specific conference goals by providing millions of dollars for energy-research and development in the Third World countries.

Specifically, Trudeau announced the following contributions:

— A 10-million-dollar increase to Canada's international development research center for energy research related to developing countries.

— A five-million-dollar contribution for a new program to encourage private companies to adapt new energy technologies to developmental needs.

— A 25-million-dollar contribution to help African countries, especially in the Sahel, develop their energy resources, grow more food, retard the depletion of scarce forest resources "and hold back ... the deafening march of the desert," as Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi put it in a conference keynote speech on Monday.

Trudeau said Canada will make additional efforts to assist developing countries in preparation of national energy plans. He said the government is also urging Petro-Canada International, a subsidiary of the National Oil Company, to assist oil-importing developing countries to exploit their own oil, natural gas and coal resources.

In another speech, the leader of the Japanese delegation, Dr. Saburo Okita, said Japan will "actively attempt to expand the financial bases of the existing international organizations undertaking energy-related activities and to increase bilateral assistance in the field of energy," giving priority to new and renewable sources of energy. He gave no specific figures.

Trudeau said skyrocketing oil prices and "the shocks of energy shortages" in both the industrialized North and developing South required coordination of world energy policies. He said the recent seven-nation economic summit in Ottawa of the major Western industrial powers and Japan expressed "a common desire to respond to the needs of the Third World" and to participate in global negotiations on energy.

"A practical outcome from this energy conference cannot help but reinforce the creative aspects of North-South relations," Trudeau said. "In both North and South, there is a craving for national and international stability. We are learning, however, that our craving will not be satisfied unless we achieve a much higher level of international cooperation, a much higher level of coordination of our economic policies," he said.

Tass news agency said Tuesday.

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About 7,000 "helicopters" would be built by the year 2000, enabling shepherds in the desert regions of the Soviet Union's southernmost republic to double their herds.

Russia setting up solar energy unit

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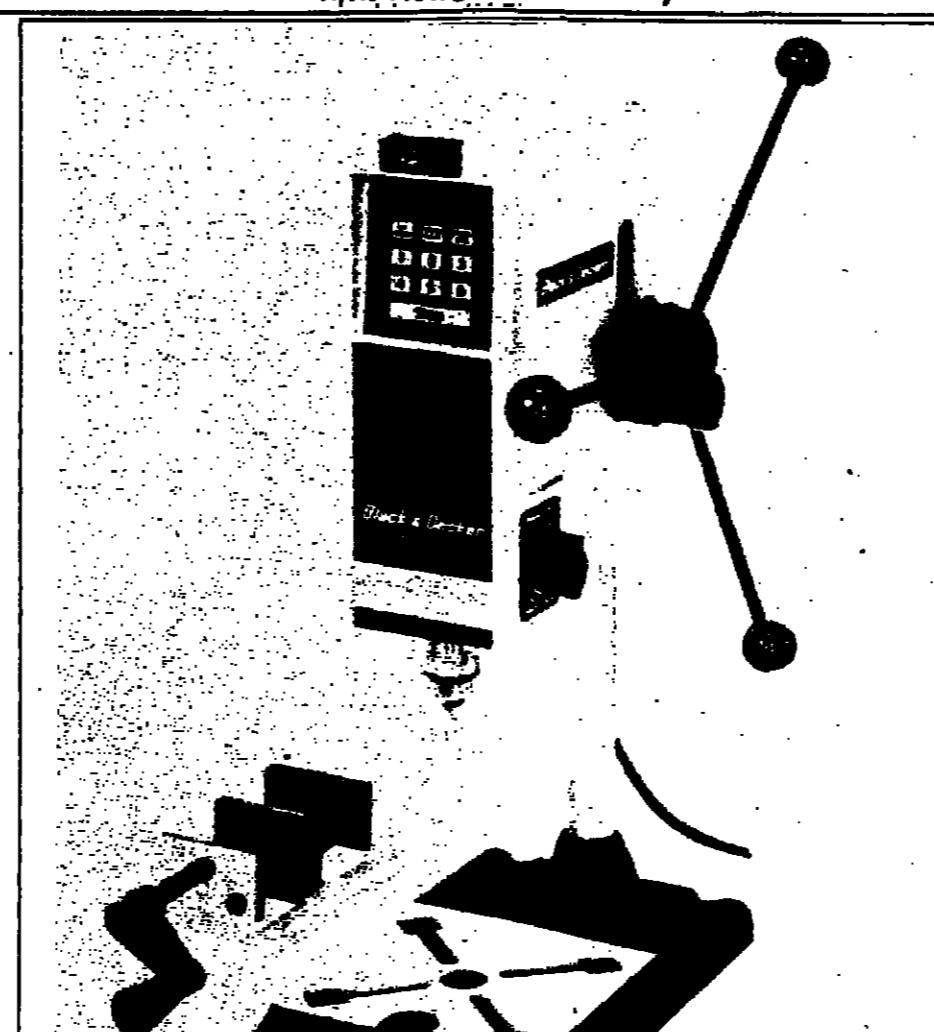
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To safeguard poor states Curbing inflation vital--IMF

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP) — Failure of industrial countries to cut inflation will make the world's poor countries poorer, with "profound social and political consequences," the head of the International Monetary Fund has warned at a meeting of diplomats.

Jacques de Larosiere of France, managing director of the IMF, did not spell out those consequences in his speech Saturday at the 24th international seminar for diplomats in

Canadian postal strike called off

OTTAWA, Aug. 11 (AP) — A 42-day national postal strike ended Monday night after the Canadian Union of Postal Workers voted 83.1 percent in favor of a new two-year contract.

Jean-Claude Parrot, president of the 23,000-member postal union, said the workers would be back on the job for the midnight shift. Robert McGarry, head of the Separate Letter Carriers Union of Canada whose 20,000 members were laid off during the strike, said the post office had immediately recalled his members to pick up and deliver mail Tuesday. The new contract provides a wage increase of about 12.5 percent and several other benefits.

London Commodities

	Tuesday	Monday
Gold \$ per ounce	403.50	396.00
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	499.50	480.00
3 months	515.50	496.00
Copper cash	1004.50	996.00
3 months	1034.75	1026.50
Tin cash	7925.00	8005.00
3 months	7945.00	8005.00
Lead cash	495.50	494.00
3 months	494.50	492.50
Zinc cash	553.50	546.50
3 months	566.50	560.00
Aluminium cash	682.50	673.00
3 months	701.50	696.50
Nickel cash	3430.00	3435.00
3 months	3490.00	3475.00
Sugar October	222.40	219.50
January	218.70	215.50
Coffee September	1016.00	1000.00
March	1006.00	995.00
Cocoa September	1256.00	1245.00
December	1291.00	1279.00

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Financial Roundup Riyal, dollar keep firm

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Aug. 11 — The royal continued to show strong firming trends Tuesday after yet another good performance by the dollar on the European exchange markets the same day. The American currency was relatively stable at high levels despite an easing of U.S. dollar interest rates to 18 1/4 - 18% from 19 5/16 percent levels. Local royal rates for the same tenor were quoted at 19 - 19 1/2 percent on early morning trading.

The easing of dollar interest rates did not unduly worry the exchange markets which continued to be "bearish" on the dollar and shying away from most other currencies. With the exception of the yen, the dollar maintained most of its previous strength, particularly against the French, German and British currencies. Commentators seemed to focus more on political factors as an explanation for the dollar's continuing firmness. Basically, the political factors centered around Poland and the American decision to go ahead with the neutron bombs despite objections from European allies.

In major currency news, the German mark continued to hover at the 2.56/2.57 levels over New York closings and European Tuesday trading. The British pound gained slightly to be quoted at 1.7720 levels from New York closings of 1.7610 with no

sign of any major improvement in the position of that currency. The French franc was also relatively weak at 5.17 levels, while the Swiss franc hovered at 2.030 — up slightly over the 2.21 levels of Monday. The yen continued to hold to its new-found stability at 237.00 levels after closing even higher in New York at 236.10 the night before.

On the local exchanges, spot royal-dollar rates opened fairly high at 3.4250 - 70 and by mid-day the rate had stabilized at 3.4240-60. Local dealers reported some fair moderation activity on the exchange markets, especially from commercial (non-inter-bank) sales. Local importers were taking advantage of the fixed parity situation in the Kingdom to open some letters of credits in foreign currencies and the dollar, as well as some currency demands for holiday-bound visitors.

Royal deposit rates continued to remain firm and, in fact, were at a premium compared to the dollar over the short tenor. Most dealings were still concentrated in the short dates — three months and under and week-fixed rates were dealt at 22 percent levels. With some Bahraini-based OBU's — offshore booking units — paying as high as 24 percent from those local banks that had liquidity to spare. The short-term outlook is for royal deposit rates to continue firm unless the dollar's interest rates take a dramatic downturn.

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NEUTRON TROUBLE

Soviet President Brezhnev is reported to be troubled by President Reagan's decision to go ahead with the production of the neutron bomb — although the Russians have been making an identical weapon for three years.

In France, the minister of defense extended an official welcome to America's news. France has already started producing its own version of the weapon about a year ago, and the new administration has made up its mind to continue with it.

But in Europe as a whole, the opponents still outnumber the newcomers. Denmark and Norway have come out with outright rejection and will not allow the new weapon to be stored on their soil. Holland and Belgium are opposed, and their parliaments will soon make their stand official. Italy's objection is over lack of prior consultation, although it has already agreed to station some of the new middle range missiles on its territory.

The British, as usual since the end of World War II, appear to be agreeable to whatever the Americans want. Unlike the West Germans — the most important country in this context as the weapon will be mainly used on its soil if it is ever to be used — are angry because President Reagan did not consult them beforehand. In their case, this was seen as especially necessary as the parliamentary and extra-parliamentary struggle over the question of defense is still raging. America's move, as far as the Germans are concerned could not have come at a more inconvenient time.

The Americans, however, are adamant. Here is an effective, "clean" and cheap answer to the threat posed by Russian tanks in Europe, whose introduction to the European theater will have the additional advantage of strengthening America's hand as it sets out to negotiate with the Russians over reduction of nuclear armaments.

The weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers formed the lead story in some newspapers Tuesday. The meeting, which was chaired by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, approved, among other things, the establishment of a national company for agricultural development with a capital of nearly SR40 million. *Al Medina* carried as its lead story a statement by the Petroleum Governor, in which he said that Petromin will spend SR50 billion on different projects during the five-year plan period. *Okaz* splashed in its lead story Arab League Secretary General

Chadli Kibbi's reaffirmation that Prince Fahd's statement has invalidated the claim that Crown Prince Fahd's 8-point proposal is no alternative for the Camp David accords. *Al Jazirah* said in a lead that Prince Fahd's 8-point proposal has disappointed President Sadat of Egypt, while *Al Biled* led with world press comments on the crown prince's statement.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* reported that President Sadat's visit to Austria has been canceled because the Austrian authorities discovered arms with Palestinians at Vienna airport. *Al Nadwa* reported improved security conditions in Lebanon, while *Okaz* reported French President Francois Mitterrand as saying that the Kingdom's 8-point proposal provides a basis for discussion of the Middle East crisis.

Newspapers fronted an official denial that the AWACS aircraft supply information to other sources, in addition to Saudi Arabia. The official confirmed that these aircraft work only for the Kingdom and are managed and supervised by Saudi Arabians alone.

Newspaper editorials continued to comment on Prince Fahd's statement. *Al Medina* noted that the crown prince's 8-point peace proposal has raised international concern but, at the same time, it has placed Israel in an embarrassing position before the world. His proposals can achieve success only when Israel renounces its intransigent nature and Menachem Begin ceases to believe that killing and destruction will continue to stop the establishment of a Palestinian state. The paper endorsed the crown prince's view that the U.S. ought to make a radical move outside the Camp David accords, so that Israel withdraws from occupied territories and the Palestinians are able to establish an independent state of their own.

On the same subject, *Al Jazirah* observed that Prince Fahd has placed before the world a peace proposal that sums up the Arab will to resolve the Middle East tangle. The proposal symbolizes Arab official and popular

Aug. 15 haunting Japanese

By Ikuo Anai

TOKYO —

On a summer day in August, 1945, several million Japanese listened in stunned silence as their emperor announced that Japan had lost the war. Thirty-six years later, memories of that announcement, as well as of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the 3.1 million war dead, still haunt the Japanese, especially politicians.

While most major participants in World War II have chosen to forget gradually, if not to forgive, Japan still indulges in an annual display of grief. Emperor Hirohito, who in 1945 as a then divine figure made the surrender announcement, will lead Japan as in previous years in a nationally-television memorial service for the dead on Aug. 15.

The service — on the anniversary of Japan's unconditional surrender to the allies — is the climax of an annual mourning period which over the years has remained virtually undiminished in intensity, especially among older generations.

During the past decade, the government-sponsored Aug. 15 services in Tokyo's Budokan Martial Arts Hall have highlighted a controversy between conservative and left-leaning politicians over remembering the war dead. Some conservatives believe the fallen soldiers are heroes who died for the emperor and thus must be formally revered. Leftists see this attitude as glorifying war and heralding a return to militarism.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki recently went some way to accommodating the wishes of right-wingers inside his conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has ruled Japan since 1955. But he stopped short of bowing to demands that cabinet ministers should be allowed to visit the Yasukuni shrine, near the Budokan hall, in their official capacities.

He agreed in principle, however, that the government should designate a national memorial day for the war dead, despite protests from leftists. Traditionally, many LDP politicians rely on the powerful "Society of War Bereaved Families" for vote.

These members initiated an LDP resolution claiming that Japan must thank the war dead for helping to bring about the nation's economic prosperity. The reasoning behind the resolution has never been clarified. In rejecting the call for official visits by cabinet ministers to the Shinto Yasukuni shrine for 2.4 million war dead, including wartime leader Hideki Tojo, Suzuki cited Japan's 1937 war-reviving constitution, drawn up under U.S. guidance.

The constitution bans state privileges for any religious organization. The Yasukuni shrine, built in 1869 for the worship of soldiers who died for the emperor, enjoyed state protection up to 1945.

During early post-war years, prime ministers did not visit the shrine for fear of stirring up a controversy over Japan's militaristic past. But they attended the non-denominational Aug. 15 services. But in 1976, the then Prime Minister Takeo Miki, a political dove, broke with tradition and visited the shrine in a private capacity to help woo his party's right-wing. Four years later, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, a Christian, also paid a private visit.

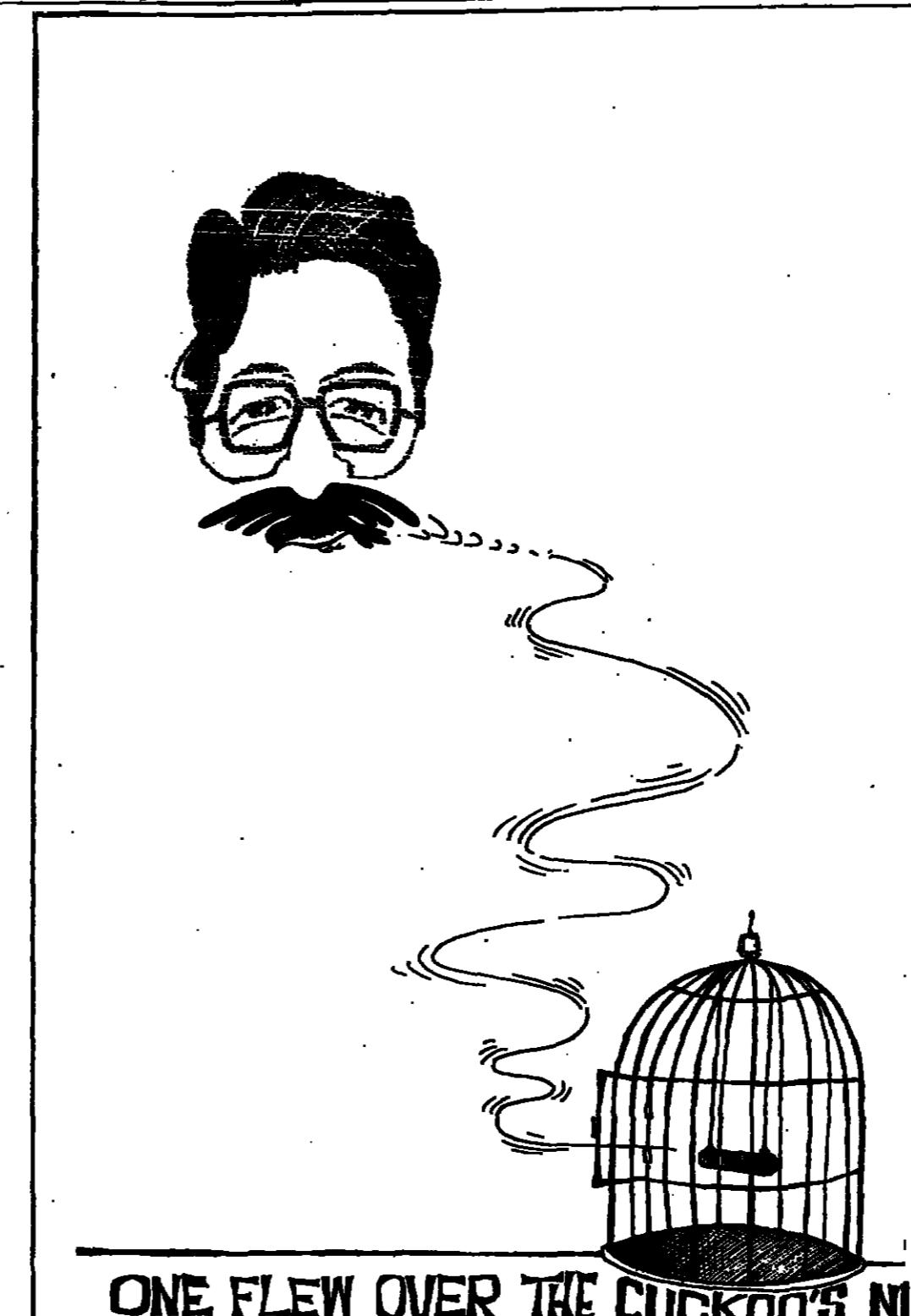
Suzuki and about 17 cabinet ministers visited the shrine on Aug. 15 last year, again as private citizens. This was followed by protests that the government was going all-out to restore the shrine's official status. The LDP failed five times between 1969 and 1974 to win parliamentary approval for a bill designed to place the shrine under state protection.

The main opposition Japan Socialist Party (JSP) has claimed that the designation of a memorial day would be a step toward official government visits to the Yasukuni shrine and its large grounds near the emperor's palace.

Several LDP members, including at least one cabinet minister, have called for a study on whether the constitution should be changed. But Suzuki, in line with his predecessors, has said his cabinet will not alter it. Successive LDP governments, however, have gradually revived and strengthened Japan's armed forces, still euphemistically called "self-defense forces."

The controversy between left and right over the war extends even to schools: leftists have accused the LDP, and especially the education ministry, of increasing the number of censored history books available to schools. The leftists, many of them members of Japan's Union of Teachers (Nikkyo), led by the head of country's biggest trade union grouping, Sohyokai, claim government-approved books give only scant details about the war and how it started with the attack on U.S. warships in Pearl Harbor.

At this time of year, starting just before emotional memorial services in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japanese newspapers and television provide special series on the war. But very few mention the sufferings inflicted by Japan on its enemies and Asian neighbors. (R)



Deadly contest of will

By Laurence Marks

TOXTETH, Liverpool —

'Everything good in the night-time; Everything goes to explode at the right time,' sings a genial black 15-year-old as he walks home past a clump of Welsh policemen on a corner of Upper Parliament Street in Toxteth, Liverpool. The policemen gaze into space with stately indifference.

Further along the darkened street, a pair of Merseyside officers wearing plastic visors and glittering smiles grimly pad along exactly five yards behind two black youngsters, one of whom observing signs of strain in his companion, murmurs: 'Take it easy, man — just ignore them.' They turn down a side road, and the policemen resume their deadly warfare.

There are as many elaborate theories about what has been happening in Liverpool 8 as there are burnt-out buildings. Some of them are couched in poetic metaphors such as 'the theft of the rage of the black young' — the thieves being the media (who else?).

Chief Constable of Merseyside Kenneth Oxford believes that professional criminals are trying to drive his men out of the neighborhood. Some radical community workers say the rioters are making a calculated attempt to compel the authorities to replace Oxford, and that the sequence of riots will cease only when he leaves.

But what is visibly happening on the streets every night is a contest of will between two groups of young men from similar social milieux — one in uniform, the other in jeans — engaged in ritualized, almost abstract gestures of aggression which have less to do with the functional requirements of policing than with the juvenile code of street gangs.

Recently, the contest exploded once again, leaving a taxi-driver in hospital with possible brain damage, a 19-year-old with his back broken, and a congenitally disabled man of 22 dead at the hands of a police hit-and-run driver.

There are now 800 officers from 12 different forces on duty every night in an area no more than

a mile long, and three quarters of a mile wide. They patrol in units of five or six about 25 yards apart in some places, wearing colored armbands for reciprocal identification.

For the moment, the contest is muted. Weekend nights were peaceful, with no feeling of menace or foreboding. But sooner or later, the avuncular police sergeants with Welsh or Derbyshire accents will take their men home, and then — if not before — the tribes of Toxteth will resume their deadly warfare.

A youngster at the Charles Wootton Center (named after the victim of a 1919 race riot) says that, until the first wave of riots four weeks ago, the police were on top. 'Unless you were looking for trouble, you steered clear of them. Even staring at them was risky: they might call you over and start questioning you.'

But after the police had been routed with petrol bombs, the youths assumed a bolder air, and the foot patrols lost their psychological ascendancy, fearing instant reprisal if they were heavy-handed. (This coincided with Oxford's first period of low-key policing.) Now, said the lad, the police were trying to get back on top.

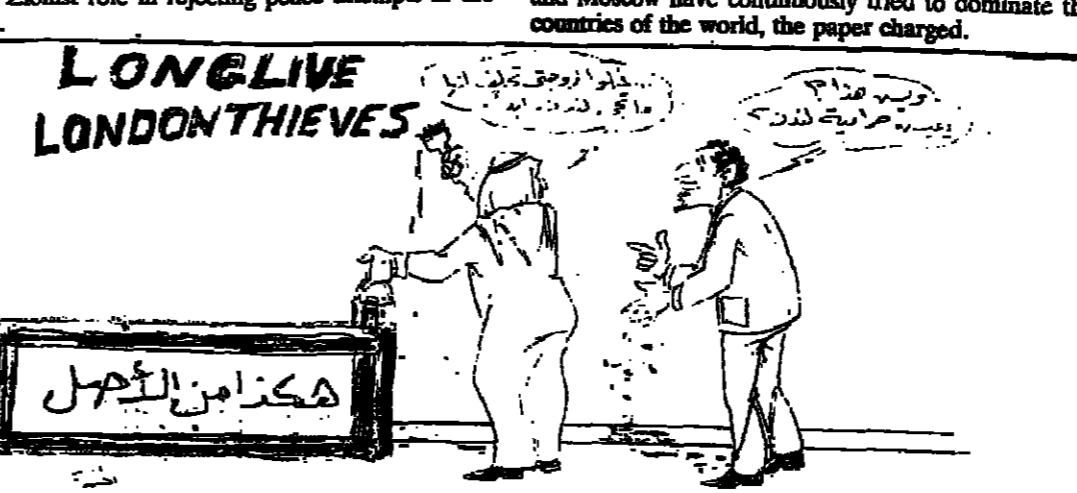
A popular myth — that young people in poor neighborhoods are hostile in principle to the presence of policemen, whom they see as agents of the economic institutions that are oppressing them — has recently been confirmed as nonsense in a local study entitled Receiving Juvenile Justice.

In the view of many thoughtful citizens of Liverpool, the only answer is to mobilize the communities themselves.

Individual parents may have lost control of their young, but community groups acting collectively can exert considerable moral authority. They will only do this, however, if they see the police are behaving justly and with good sense. This would require a radical change in attitudes — for instance by making the criterion for promotion in the police force not the number for minor offenses but the consistent maintenance of order and community support. — (ONS)

Discussing the same subject, *Okaz* stressed the need for a political harmony among the Arab leaderships, and said that this harmony should be given top priority to bring success to Saudi Arabia's plan for peace in the region. The paper added that the American administration is at present in the process of reframing its strategy in the region, and it is sure "to give us due weight if we remained a closely-knit group".

Commenting on the U.S. and Soviet tactics, *Al Nadwa* said that the two have constantly hoodwinked the world that they are trying to stop proliferation of nuclear arms and to ensure world security and stability. However, political observers have noticed a big difference between their claims and real actions which have brought the world to the brink of a nuclear war. Both Washington and Moscow have continuously tried to dominate the countries of the world, the paper charged.



— What is this? Long live London thieves!
— They made my wife swear not to go there any more!

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Police investigating Colombian adoptions Baby market victimized the unwary

By Timothy Ross

BOGOTA — Colombia has a new claim fame as an exporter of babies. Bogota lawyer Roberto Vasquez Morales has been used of kidnapping and document forgery it was found that he has arranged about 10 adoptions for foreign couples — at rates averaging \$10,000 — of children who not all the orphans or abandoned babies claimed, but were stolen or bought from real families. The ten thousands of evidence ready accumulated in the offices of the investigating magistrate show that the lawyer is a large organization, extending from oked judges, diplomats, and notaries, through corrupt employees of the Colombian Social Welfare Institute, state hospitals homes for unmarried mothers, to professional baby farmers, and purchasing agents toured the steamiest districts of the capital looking for pregnant women prepared to their babies.

Kidnap Attempt Stopped
Some small children were simply kidnapped off the streets. Two hours from the capital in the mountains of Cundinamarca is the family of a poor farm-worker, Jorge Mireles. One afternoon seven year old Daniel were playing at the roadside when, say, a big black car stopped and the passengers called them over and told them to go. They were given sweets and driven to go. If their desperate father had not managed to track them down in the next two weeks, arrangements would have been made to have them adopted by a Swedish spin of abandoned children.

New Identities Invented
The kidnap charges will be tried under of siege legislation by a military court. The children were given new identities by inventing a name for a fictitious mother, signing an identity card number at random listing the imaginary mother as illiterate a thumb-print instead of a signature. Many identities and adoptions were arranged in the offices of a notary public, who cannot check the authenticity of all thousands of papers he has to sign. "The faith of my employees was abused by a man."

According to one member of the Vasquez family, the notary's employees were an important link. Agustina Pedroza de Cepeda, a woman from a shabby area of south Bogota,

called in at the notary's office looking for work and from there was allegedly sent to Roberto Vasquez. He gave her a job as baby-farmer.

"Doctor Roberto used to work for the Welfare Institute so it was all official," she said, wringing her hands in anxiety — the secret police have repeatedly visited her — "I thought I was doing a charity. I am innocent of anything wrong."

One of the mothers who stayed in her house, however, claimed that her baby was taken by force. Gladys Azuero, a pretty, illiterate eighteen year old from Bucaramanga, says she went to the Social Welfare Institute for help when she found she was pregnant — and was sent to Roberto Vasquez. "He took me to Agustina, and said he would give me money because he wanted a baby, and he promised them money. When my baby was born I felt tender for him and decided to keep him. But Agustina took him, though I fought. Robert never even gave me the money. If I could get my baby back he would be in my arms now."

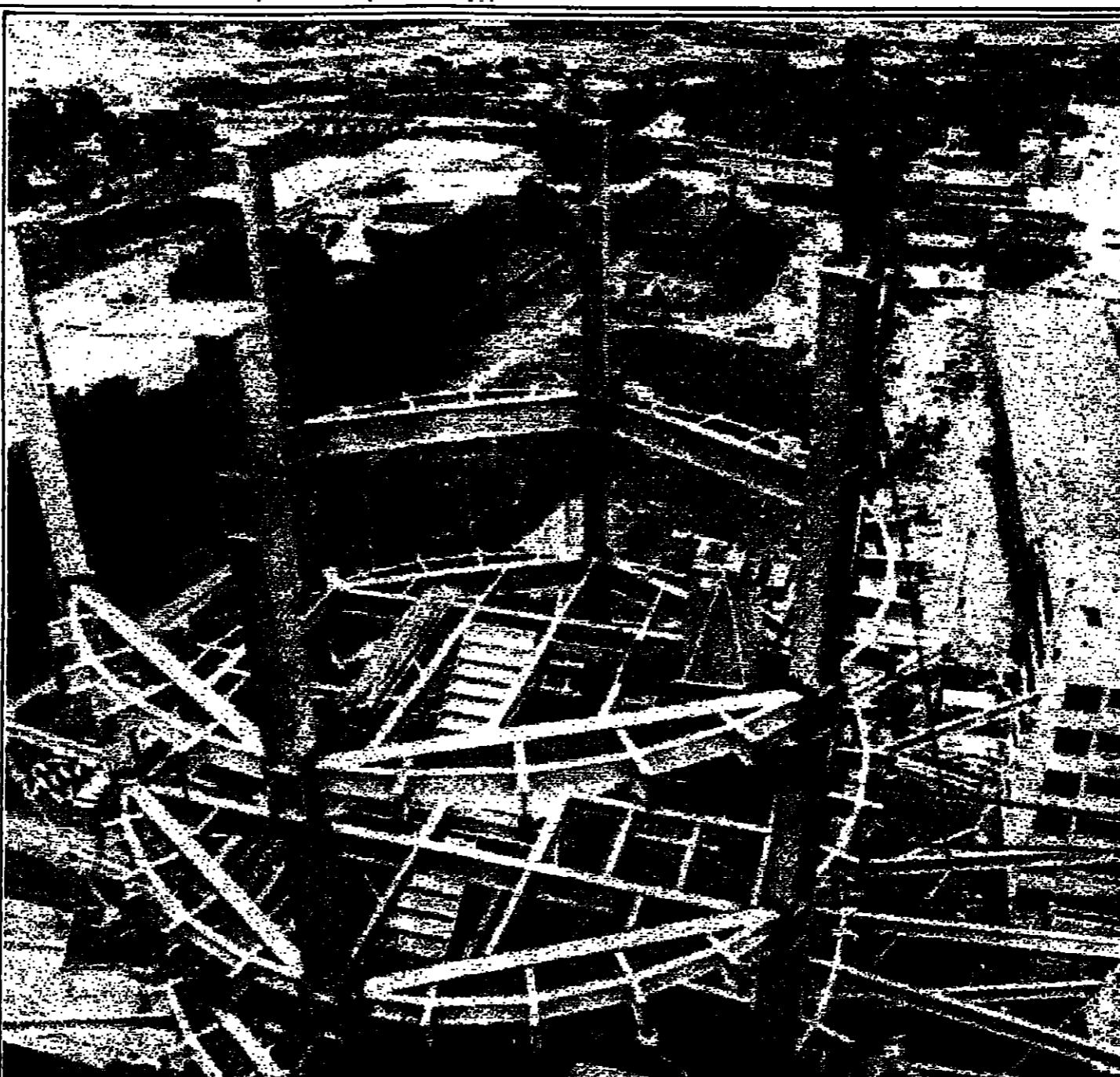
Gladys' baby now, of course, could be anywhere in the world, with any name and nationality.

Colombian Market Brisk

Over 2,000 Colombian children are adopted by foreigners every year, about 700 going to the U.S. and the rest mostly to Europe, especially Sweden, many are genuine cases of orphaned or abandoned children, for as Social Welfare Institute Director Juan Jacobo Munoz pointed out in a recent newspaper interview, 30 percent of births in Colombia are unwanted.

At least three officials of the institute appear implicated in marketing off the children they are supposed to be caring for. Advertisements appeared in Spanish papers touting for clients. Severe controls have now been imposed on adoptions, making the legitimate procedures even more difficult and time-consuming than before. It was precisely the long, drawn-out paper-work and cross checks of proper channels that encouraged the black-market operation. One New York couple who were just about to leave for Bogota when they heard of the scandal had been told they would be met at the airport, and would be on a plane with their child in two days — for \$10,000 and without any of the background, health and financial check-ups usually required. The full legal procedure can take three months or more.

A Swedish couple has already received their new baby through the correct channels. But now the new restrictions prevent them completing the paperwork. "We are terrified we will not be allowed to take our baby home," said the blonde wife, near tears. Their one year old had been cared for by nuns in the city of Pereira after being found ill and abandoned, one of the many in genuine need of adoption.



ABOVE KNOXVILLE: Preparations for the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee are underway and this will be the highest point and highlight of the fair, a 266-foot-tall Sunsphere. Here Buddy Beets stands on top of one of the structures which will support the restaurant and observation decks with a silver globe at the peak. (AP)

Japanese soldiers asked to surrender

By Robert Whymant

TOKYO (G) — Japanese soldiers may still be hiding in the Solomon Islands, unaware the war ended 36 years ago, reluctantly to surrender, or simply preferring their jungle habitat to Japan. Reports from Vella Lavella, 240 miles north of Guadalcanal, have led officials here to believe that one or more Japanese servicemen are at large. A search party is to be sent by the Health and Welfare Ministry to look into the reports

from the island, which has a population of 3,000. The Solomon Islands saw fierce fighting in the Pacific war, three imperial navy destroyers were sunk by the U.S. Navy in waters east of Vella Lavella, where surviving crew members put up a stand against the enemy.

The reported stragglers could possibly be from among the 900 crew members of the destroyers, officials say.

The search, which will last for over a

month, will include swamping the island with 120,000 pamphlets calling on any Japanese ex-servicemen to surrender. Seven years ago a former second lieutenant of the defunct imperial Japanese Army was persuaded to leave his jungle hide out in the Philippines, surrender to his superior officer and return to Japan. Hiroo Onoda, who had spent thirty years on guerrilla duty since the war ended, subsequently emigrated to Brazil, where he is running a successful cattle ranch in the Matto Grosso Plains.

Despite public condemnation of Apartheid

Soviet, South African dealers hide a profitable 'diamond connection'

By Carly Murphy

JOHANNESBURG (WP) — Each year are fully concealed movements, thousands carats of rough diamonds from Sovieties in Siberia are transferred to vaults by a South African-run enterprise in London. In exchange, the Soviets paid millions of dollars by the South African.

This diamond connection between two of world's bitterest enemies, who are also caught in a twist of geological fate two of the best treasure-troves of precious stones and strategic minerals, is part of a series of secret regular contacts between South African businessmen and Soviet officials.

Some of the contacts, the best documented, involve South African marketing for Soviet diamonds. Others reported are aimed sharing information about mining techniques and the marketing of certain strategic minerals in addition to the diamonds.

Common Goal High Prices

As the major competitors on the western market for such important commodities as coal, asbestos, iron, manganese and

platinum, Pretoria and Moscow share a common interest in seeing a high or at least a stable price for these products, vital to both their economies. So despite their ideological distaste for each other — and Moscow's support for economic sanctions against South Africa in international political forums condemning apartheid — calmer and friendlier relations prevail in the discreet world of international finance and business.

It would be going too far to say there is collusion between South Africa and the Soviet Union to fix mineral prices, especially in the case of gold. But their covert contacts undoubtedly provide them both with valuable information and contribute to what financial people like to call "orderly marketing."

Diamonds are forever and the South Africans would like to market them for everyone forever. For decades, maintaining a controlled world supply of diamonds has been the prerogative of De Beers Consolidated Mines. This is the diamond section of Harry Oppenheimer's Anglo-American Corp., the world's largest mining empire headquartered on a quiet, tree-lined street in this city's financial district.

For many years the Soviet Union, second largest producer of gem diamonds in the world, had an open contract with the London-based, De Beers-controlled Central Selling Organization to market their diamonds. Although this was abrogated in 1963 for political reasons, a working relationship still exists.

European diamond dealers buying from "the syndicate," as the Central Selling Organization also is called, say they find Soviet gems in their purchases. Oppenheimer has privately told people here that his cousin Philip Oppenheimer, who heads the Central Selling Organization, regularly travels to Moscow and that De Beers Executives meet the Soviets in London. Earlier this year a British Broadcasting Corp. "Panorama" television program told how Soviet delegation visited the South African diamond mine in Kimberley and how Oppenheimer has dined in London with Boris Sergeev, deputy president of the Soviet Diamond and Platinum Marketing Organization in Moscow.

The Soviet Union is not the only ideological foe of South Africa to deal with the Central Selling Organization. Marxist-run

Angola, which is virtually at war with South Africa because of its support for anti-Pretoria insurgents in Namibia, also sells its diamonds through the group's pipeline.

Mining And Technical Services, a Liberian-registered company whose board has several directors formerly associated with De Beers, has recruited expertise and technological aid since 1977 to help the Angolan diamond industry recover from its disruption during the civil war there in 1975-76, according to a British diamond expert, Timothy Green.

It was at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow that the curtains were accidentally raised on other acts in the Kremlin-South African connection. In the audience watching a performance of the opera "Boris Godunov" one night last November was one of Oppenheimer's right-hand men, Gordon Waddell. As chairman of Angola's Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, Waddell directs operations of the world's largest platinum mine. A former son-in-law of Oppenheimer, Waddell is also on the four-man operating committee that makes top day-to-day executive decisions for the Anglo-American Corp.

Waddell was accompanied by another Anglo executive and two unidentified Soviet officials. He told an inquisitive BBC reporter who spotted him that he was "just passing through."

"I would find that explanation quite difficult to believe," said William Gutteridge, professor of international studies at Birmingham's University of Aston and an expert on Soviet-South African relations. "You don't just pass through Moscow and get good seats at the Bolshoi ballet by accident," Gutteridge said in a telephone interview.

Platinum Pricing of Interest

South Africa and the Soviet Union supply 95 percent of the world's platinum. South Africa's major mines sell on long-term contracts. But the Soviets, who produce about one-fifth of what South Africa does, sell their platinum on the free market. A tacit agreement for the Soviets not to accept a free-market price substantially under the South African contracted prices would be in the long-term interests of both parties, observers note.

"You've got to have some kind of marketing arrangement," said one South African.

trader commenting on Waddell's presence in Moscow.

It would not be the first time Waddell met the Soviets. Each May in London's Savoy Hotel, platinum merchant Barry Salter brings together about 200 of the world's major platinum producers and consumers. The Soviets and South Africans are among the guests enjoying the hospitality and talking shop.

Gutteridge says that he also knows of at least one secret meeting two years ago between Soviets and South Africans in Oslo during which the Soviets told the South Africans they were temporarily dropping out of the platinum market.

"There are some cases too, for example, in chrome, of the Soviet Union indirectly contacting South Africa on prices," he added. But "the evidence on platinum is pretty clear-cut ... I would not be surprised if they are not also discussing mining and refining techniques."

Control 80 percent of Gold

While there is no evidence of direct discussions on gold sales between the two countries, which together supply 80 percent of this precious metal, there are ample opportunities through intermediaries to learn about each other's intentions.

The South African Reserve Bank, which last year sold more than \$10 billion worth of gold, and the Soviets' Zurich-based Wozhod-Handelsbank deal with the same bullion dealers and Swiss banks. In addition, Anglo-American owns 29 percent of the London-based Consolidated Gold Fields, a gold-mining finance house that besides owning profitable gold mines in South Africa is regarded as the expert source in the west on Soviet gold production.

The company's executive director, Michael Beckett, visited Moscow for discussion with Soviet officials last September that he said were to gather information for his company's annual bullion survey and to discuss gold mining technology. He also acknowledged that his company regularly speaks with officials of Wozhod-Handelsbank.

Christopher Stoltz, senior deputy director of the South African Reserve Bank, agrees his country and the Soviet Union "have common interests in marketing operations of gold" that could lead to similar sales policies. But he denies any formal or informal discussions.

The bank does, however, "get a lot of information, quite good information sometimes" on Russian sales through banks and dealers used by both countries in New York, Frankfurt, Zurich and London, Stoltz said.

Ian Wright, a former executive of Consolidated Gold Fields and now a London stockbroker specializing in gold, said in a telephone interview that "the strings or ties between the Soviet Union and South Africa are very slender indeed, but I'm quite sure some kind of link has been made."

Wright speculated that any tacit agreement might be along the lines of agreeing on a floor price below which both countries would not

S. Africa rewrites ban list

By Patrick Laurence

JOHANNESBURG, (G) — One of South Africa's best known black woman, Mrs. Alberta Sisulu, is free to speak to the press for the first time since 1964, but another prominent black woman, Mrs. Fatima Meer, remains "gagged" under South Africa's Internal Security Act.

Mrs. Sisulu, wife of the African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu, and mother of the banned President of the Media Worker's Association Zwelakhe Sisulu, and Mrs. Meer, a widely known sociologist and outspoken critic of official race policies, were among the many people affected by the latest reshuffle in the fate of banned people.

The banning order on Mrs. Sisulu, first imposed in 1964 and renewed several times since, was allowed to expire, but the ban on Mrs. Meer, imposed by after the 1976 unrest, was renewed. Banning orders on 24 people were lifted at the same time but one was imposed for the first time on Mr. Charles Nkala, who succeeded Sisulu as president of the writers association.

According to figures collated by the Institute of Race Relations, the latest changes mean that there are about 140 banned or restricted people in South Africa. Reasons are seldom given for the lifting or imposing of restriction orders.

In a defiant statement to the *Rand Daily Mail*, Mrs. Sisulu backed her son, a detainees under the terrorism act as well as a banned person, in his fight against "apartheid, oppression and unjust laws." She said: "He was a source of inspiration to us because we share more or less the same views."

The Sisulu family has been in the forefront of militant opposition to white minority rule in South Africa. Apart from her husband and son Zwelakhe, another son, Max, and a daughter, Lindwe, were both detained while in South Africa. They have since fled the country.

In another newspaper interview, Mrs. Sisulu attributed her fortitude during her banning to hope. She said: "Hope kept me going. Hope that one day we will be free and the knowledge that the struggle is going on... I can't remain quiet. I have no fear."

Mrs. Meer, who has written incisive articles on African nationalism and who is a close friend of Mrs. Winnie Mandela, the banned wife of the imprisoned ANC leader, Nelson Mandela, is engaged in legal action to get her banning order declared invalid.

Among the point made by Mrs. Meer's lawyers in their defense against charges that she contravened her banning order are that the original order is invalid because the former minister of justice, J.T. Kruger, did not hold an inquiry to establish that she was a threat to law and order and that his order was vague.

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Springboks' tour**U.S. slams door on protesters**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AFP) — The organizers of the controversial South African Springboks Rugby Union tour of the U.S. are ready to play the matches behind closed gates at secret venues rather than withdraw their invitation.

The Springboks, currently on a riot-torn tour of New Zealand, are due to play three matches in the U.S. at Chicago on Sept. 19, Albany, New York State, on Sept. 22 and New York City on September 26.

The administration has said it will not cancel the tour and the outcome could have serious repercussions for the U.S. not only in sports, but also politically and economically.

The U.S. State Department has agreed to give visas to the South Africans and the president of the Rugby Union insists, that the games will come off, no matter what happens.

He went on to point out that eight South African sports clubs have toured the U.S. so far this year without the slightest protest being raised. American rugby players also protest that South African golfers, boxers

and tennis players regularly compete in the U.S. and do not have the same pressure from anti-apartheid groups.

Despite the cries of injustice from the tiny band of American rugby players, the pressures are building up both, inside and outside the U.S. for the tour to be called off.

Last week's decision by the Mayor of New York Edward Koch not to allow the third tour match to go ahead was seen by anti-apartheid groups as a first step toward victory, even though it was taken because he could not guarantee the tourists' safety.

Koch's decision was understandable given the level of disturbances which have accompanied the South Africans during the first two weeks of their New Zealand tour.

In the long term, the consequences for American sport and even the U.S. economy are significant. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognized this and asked the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) to urge the organizers to rethink their position.

African countries have also been protest-

ing and several of them have indicated they might boycott the 1984 Los Angeles Games as they did the 1976 Montreal Games in reaction to New Zealand's sports links with apartheid South Africa.

As for organizing committee for the Los Angeles Games, it has been following matters with great interest, but has so far had no comment to make.

The U.S. State Department has also carefully avoided becoming entangled in the affair since granting visas on the basis that the tour was a purely private matter.

In private, however, certain top officials have made no secret of their concern and worry over the tour. To add fuel to the fire an advisor to Nigerian President Shehu Shagari has already warned Washington that if the tour was not canceled, "my country shall, when necessary, use economic measures to persuade the U.S. to stop it."

Nigeria, which is America's second most important oil supplier, would not hesitate to use that product if need be, he added.

Derwall to manage European squad

PARIS, Aug. 11 (AFP) — West German national team manager Jupp Derwall has been put in charge of the European team to play Czechoslovakia in Prague on Aug. 18 in a match to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Czechoslovak Football Federation.

The European squad is: Goalkeepers: Koncilia (Austria) and Pantelis (Yugoslavia). Defenders: Stojkovic (Yugoslavia), Peray (Austria), Michel (France) and Dietz (W. Germany). Holves: Breitner (W. Germany), Nyilasi (Hungary), Kipiani (USSR) and Antognoni (Italy). Forwards: Rummennigge (W. Germany), Avros (Greece), Surjak (Yugoslavia) and Blokhin (USSR).

130 demonstrators arrested

WELLINGTON, Aug. 11 (AFP) — More than 130 anti-apartheid demonstrators were arrested in several New Zealand cities Tuesday but in Dunedin they failed in their bid to disrupt, the sixth rugby match of the controversial South African Springboks' tour.

In Christchurch, venue of Saturday's first Test match between the visiting South Africans and the New Zealand national side — the All-Blacks — police arrested more than 100 anti-tour protesters after they had blocked a major city intersection.

In Dunedin, police arrested 27 anti-tour protesters who had infiltrated the ground and unleashed a noisy barrage of whistling, chanting and shouting at the kick-off.

The crowd roared its approval as the demonstrators were dragged out of the field. Nearby another group of more than 500 pro-

testers shouted anti-tour slogans, but did not challenge the police.

In Auckland six people were arrested after they stormed into the offices of the ruling National Party.

Nearly 700 people have been arrested and called by police since the start of the South African rugby tour three weeks ago.

Airports, Rugby Union offices, Air New Zealand premises and companies with South African connections have been the main targets of the protesters who oppose the Springboks' tour because of South Africa's policy of apartheid.

Police have, meanwhile taken the country's most elaborate security precautions for Saturday's Christchurch Test match to cope with what anti-tour groups have warned will be their biggest protest.

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Canadian gives Drewett a fright

MONTREAL, Aug. 11 (AP) — Brad Drewett of Australia broke back at three crucial times in a 2 1/2-hour match Monday to edge Josef Brabenec Jr. of Canada, 7-5, 7-6, in the first round of the \$200,000 Canadian Open Men's Tennis Championships.

Brabenec had service breaks in the fifth game of the first set, and the seventh and 11th games of the second set, but each time Drewett broke serve and then held to remain in control of the match.

"I was getting a little bit frustrated with my return of serve," said Drewett, 23. "But after he broke my serve I found that I'd concentrate better."

After falling behind 3-2 in the first set, Drewett broke and held serve until the 12th

game when he broke again on a cross-court forehand winner to take the set.

Brabenec, 24, who had to qualify for the tournament, broke to take a 4-3 lead in the second after stretching to fire a cross-court winner on a return of serve. Drewett, who had trouble at first handling the left-handed shots of Brabenec, recovered again with two offensive lobs to break back in the eighth game.

Although Brabenec again crept into a 6-5 lead with a fizzing backhand passing shot on a break point, Drewett took command again with a love-game in the 12th before finishing off Brabenec in the tiebreaker 7-4.

Two other Canadians, both from Toronto,

also suffered straight-set defeats Monday. Hans Simonson of Sweden swept Bill Cowan 7-6, 6-4, while Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland rolled over Nigel O'Rourke 6-0, 6-1.

Gunthardt needed only 55 minutes to eliminate O'Rourke, who made it to the first round by qualifying. After Gunthardt ran through six straight games, O'Rourke was able only to hold serve in the first game of the second set, before Gunthardt took another game.

In a match between two young Americans, Sammy Giammalva had little trouble with Tim Wilkison, downing him 6-3, 6-4. Although both players were equally fast, Giammalva, 18, was more adept at picking open spots



NON-STOP AROUND THE WORLD: Paul Rodgers at the wheel of his schooner *Spirit of Penzance* with which he aims to become the first person to sail alone around the world twice in a single trip. Paul, who is 35-year-old, spent 18 months preparing his 55 ft. (17 meters) ship, which has no engine, but is equipped with solar panels, wind and water-driven generators and an exercise bike which is linked up to charge the batteries. During his grueling journey, Paul will grow salad crops onboard to supplement his diet since he intends to complete the trip without touching land.

The Caribbean golf course that's worth a trip

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (WP) — Golf has never been terribly important in the Caribbean. There are a few courses — Fountain Valley in St. Croix, Dorado in Puerto Rico and Sandy Lane in Barbados immediately come to mind — that are truly distinguished and rare with the world's best.

But mainly the golf courses of the Caribbean are scruffy little affairs with ill-tended fairways and greens that have a nasty way of attracting the local population of goats, making putting particularly hazardous. On one island, Curacao, the "greens" are made of sand.

Despite a recent growth of Robert Trent Jones courses on several islands — the Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe, Martinique — the level of golf and golf courses is relatively sub-par. Only Puerto Rico and Jamaica offer a variety of courses. Most islands are content to keep the local nine-hole course in a shape akin to the local cow pasture, which it often is when men aren't walking along hitting that little white ball with those funny sticks.

As Margaret Zellers notes in the most recent edition of "Fielding's Caribbean," when writing about the new Robert Trent Jones course in Martinique: "The fact was that, for a while, there were so few people on the island who knew anything about golf (an American passion, but not necessarily the only sport for the rest of the world) that finding people to staff the course, tend greens and the like turned into a major project."

With such problems and with such a lack of top-flight golf courses in the region, it is no surprise that most golfers who wanted to combine an island holiday with a golf holiday usually looked to Bermuda, with its nine courses, or to Hawaii, which has some superb new golf resorts, places like Wailea on Maui and Princeville on Kauai, to go along with established courses like Kaanapali on Maui. Even the out-of-the-way Hawaiian island of Molokai, which has only one resort hotel, has its own course, and a good one at that.

But that heart, dear golfer, for your time has come. The Caribbean has added what may well be the finest golf course in the entire region, a course that will make your hearts pound, your golf shoes quiver with anticipation, your backswing high and true and your drive dead-solid-perfect.

Mahogany Run it's called, 18 holes of loveliness nestled in perhaps the least likely spot in the Caribbean for a course. It's located on St. Thomas, an island that is so

Case makes early exit

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 11 (AP) — Amateur Ernie Fernandez of Puerto Rico upset fourth-seeded Gianni Ocleppo of Italy 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, on Monday, the opening day of the \$75,000 Western Open Tennis Championships at Harold Clark Tennis Center.

In another opening day upset, No. 8-seed Ross Case of the United States fell to Rod Harron (U.S.) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Defending champion Gene Mayer (U.S.), the fifth-ranked tennis player in the world, is the No. 1 seed. Wojciech Fibak of Poland is seeded second, while 1979 western winner Stan Smith is the third seed. All were to see action on Tuesday.

In other opening round matches, John James of Australia defeated Juan Farrow (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4, Ian Harris (U.S.) defeated Tom Cain, (U.S.) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Chris Dunl (U.S.) defeated Mark Vines, (U.S.) 6-3, 6-1; Michael Kures (U.S.) defeated Jai Dilouie (U.S.) 6-3, 6-2.

Borg withdraws

MONTREAL, Aug. 11 (AP) — Second-seeded Bjorn Borg will not be playing in the \$200,000 Canadian Open men's Tennis Championships as his wife is ill, tournament officials said Monday.

Marianne Borg arrived from Sweden at North Shore hospital in Manhasset, New York, more than a week ago for an operation to treat a kidney ailment. Borg is remaining at her side.

Moonduster sailing high in Fastnet Race

PLYMOUTH, Aug. 11 (AFP) — American Jim Kilroy's 80 foot maxi-yacht *Kialoa* was the first to turn at the Fastnet Rock off the south west of Ireland Monday six minutes ahead of *Condor* with another American Dennis Connor at the wheel.

The 244 yachts which started the 605 mile Fastnet Race from Cowes, Isle of Wight on Saturday afternoon were frequently becalmed early in the race but have been carried along since Monday morning by an improving force three to four south-westerly wind.

The 48 Admiral's Cup yachts were spotted early in the afternoon about 70 miles from the rock. Irish yacht *Moonduster*, the biggest of the Admiral's cuppers appeared to be in the lead.

She was being shadowed by three small groups. In her slipstream was *La Pauta* of Hong Kong, *Scaramouche* of the United States and *Tahiti II* of France.

Canadian Yachts *Runaway* and *Peaches* and *Dusseldorf* of West Germany made up the second group to the west. *Apollo V* of Australia and *Re-Caro* of Sweden were further over to the east.

Weather forecasters predict a freshening wind to force five and six and even seven and if they are right, the race record set up by an earlier *Condor* in two days 23 hours, 25:23, could fall to *Kialoa* or the new *Condor*.

British placings were not as clear with *Victory* locked in a bunch of 12 cup yachts.

Robin Aisher's *Yeoman XXII* was reported in one of the leading groups but Brian Saffery-Cooper's *Dragon*, the smallest of the British yachts, was trailing.

England struggles

BRISBANE, Australia, Aug. 11 (AP) — The touring England hockey team struggled to beat Toowoomba 3-1 at Clyde Park in Toowoomba west of here Tuesday.

into the big finishing holes, the long ones, that finally allow you to let off a bit of steam with your driver.

At the end of an afternoon on the Mahogany Run course, after climbing hills and hitting over the boomerang fairways, you know you have played a round of golf on one of the toughest courses in the Caribbean.

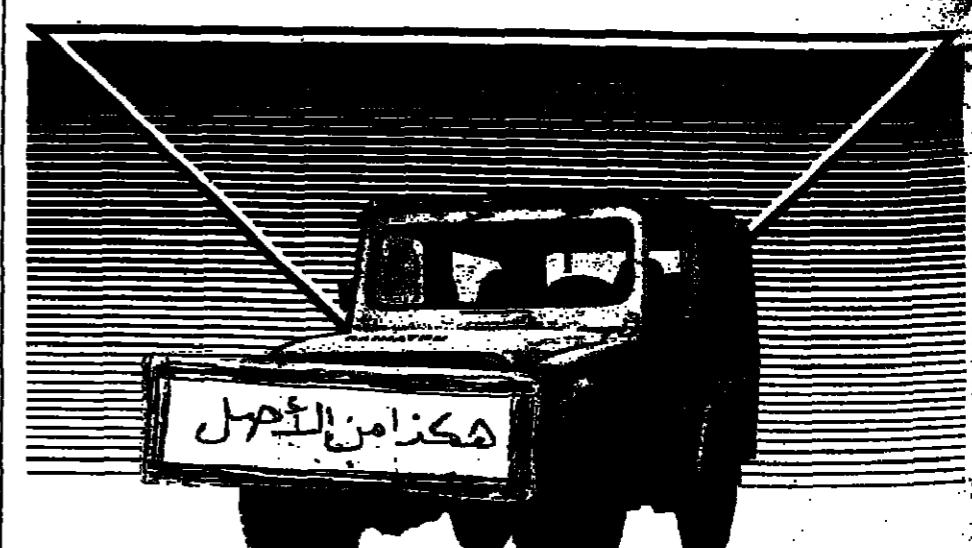
On 31 acres, Jim Armour and his friends have fashioned a condominium development and resort that rivals neighboring Caneel Bay on St. John as the Virgin Islands' best.

Accommodations, looking like sugar cubes set in the deep green of the St. Thomas lushness, climb up the hillsides in neat stacks.

For the non-golfer, Mahogany Run offers tennis on terraced courts (only one is available now), horseback riding on trials perfumed by the scent of a thousand frangipani bushes, swimming in a pool that sits on the highest point on the property and offers stunning views across to the British Virgin Islands and sunning at nearby Magen's Bay, included in any list of the world's more beautiful beaches.

Still to come at the new development are an equestrian center, the restoration of a 175-old Danish Stone Farmhouse that will be the project's premier restaurant and also serve as a clubhouse for the tennis village and the completion of a number of lavish private homes that will be dotted throughout the landscape.

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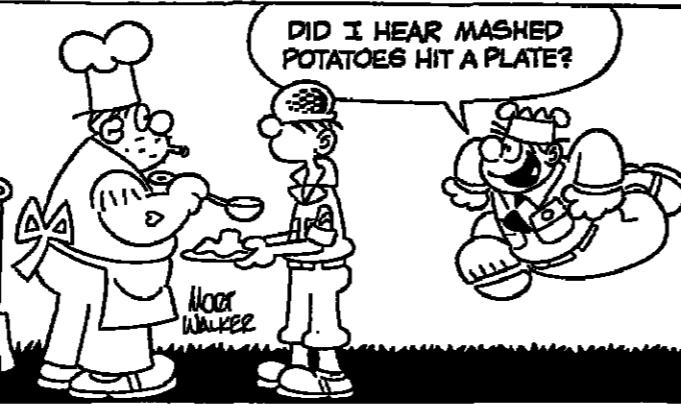
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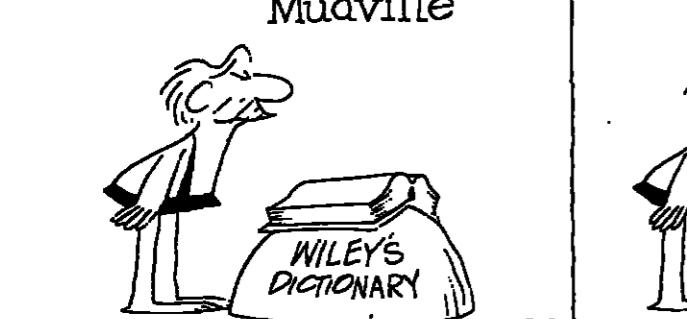
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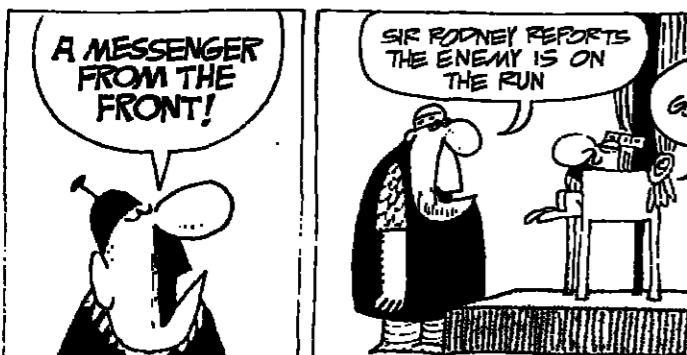
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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) 
Creative powers are at their peak, but avoid domestic arguments. Keep to yourself and put your fine mentality to

after dark.

GEMINI(May 21 to June 20) 
Creative pursuits are favored over material affairs. Don't let anger undermine efficiency. Pay closer attention to details towards nightfall.**CANCER**(June 21 to July 22) 
Your financial judgment is

notch form. Hobbies and children are a source of happiness. Don't be negligent about your health.

VIRGO(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) 
Work done in seclusion pays off. Research brings benefits.

Try to avoid impatience with a loved one. You could be easily provoked.

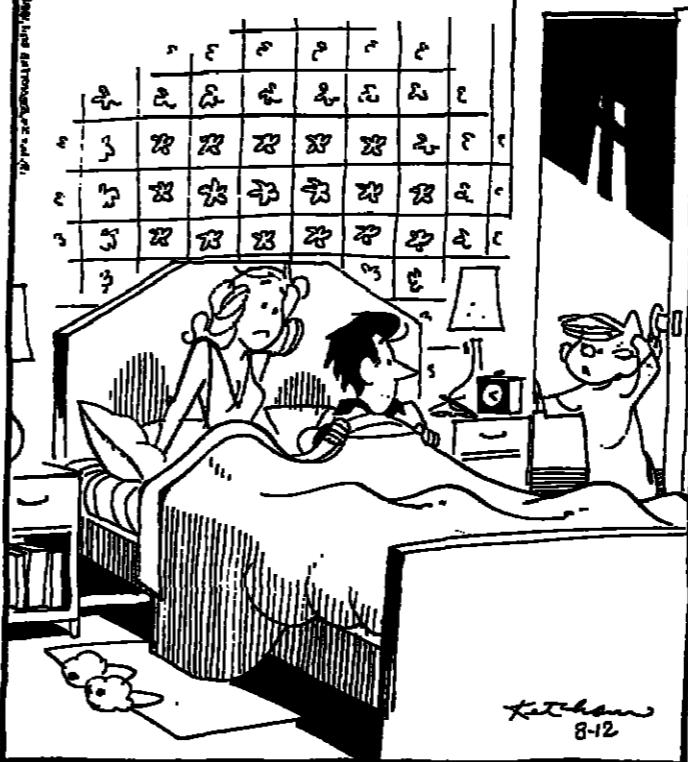
LIBRA(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) 
Though friendship is favorably accented, a relative may resent your partying. Have fun, but keep peace on the home front.**SCORPIO**(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) 
You'll meet some creative people. Club activities are stimulating. A friend tends to be careless. Safeguard your health.

Success with distant interests and educational matters. Money could become an issue between you and a close tie. Seek a compromise.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) 
Friends back you all the way, but a partner may be argumentative. Career progress is indicated, but be careful of unrealistic thinking.**AQUARIUS**(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) 
Friends back you all the way, but a partner may be argumentative. Career progress is indicated, but be careful of unrealistic thinking.**PISCES**(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) 
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DENNIS the MENACE

by THOMAS JOSEPH



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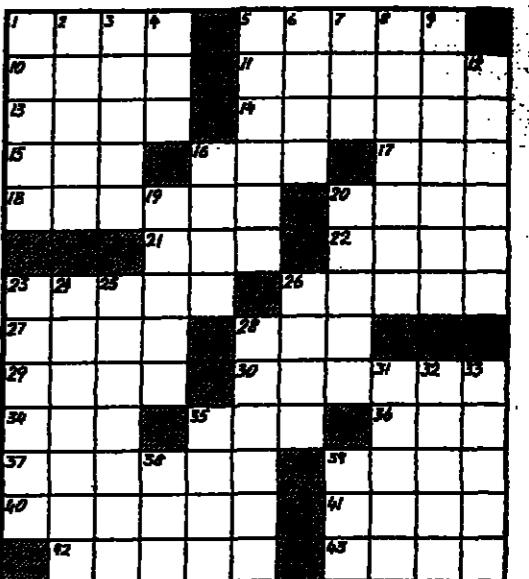
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 12 Reduce to powder
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 16 Paronomasia
 17 — vivant
 18 Compassionate
 20 Slipped
 21 Mining find
 22 Consonant
 23 Chastise a tyke
 26 Dilute
 27 Irish river
 28 Fashion
 29 Write down
 30 Blackguard
 34 Inn order
 35 Went ahead
 36 Small fish
 37 Vietnam's Gulf of

Yesterdays Answer
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 10 ELUDDED SAAR
 11 SERENA ANITA
 12 STILEBELL MEET

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 1 — There Is? —
 2 Incline
 3 Papal
 4 Renaissance crown
 5 jacket
 6 Frenchman's body
 7 Name
 8 Keep going
 9 Type of race
 10 Grammatical term
 11 Roof sight
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 13 "West Side Story" star for chief
 14 Make lively
 15 Bequest recipient
 16 Currently and plush
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North-South vulnerable.

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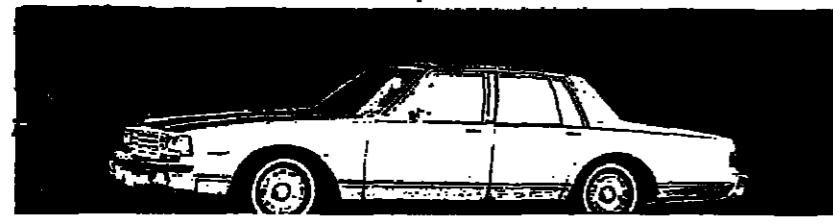


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International

Allies to get warhead in hours Neutron bomb keeps peace, America says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Neutron weapons stockpiled in the United States could be delivered to troops in Europe "only a few hours" after allies agreed to accept them in the event of a crisis, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger says.

The United States, therefore, will not be penalized strategically by keeping the weapons at home in recognition of European "sensitivities" to having them deployed in their countries, Weinberger said Monday.

The defense secretary defended in a news conference Monday the administration's decision last week to resume production of the weapon, which was halted by former President Jimmy Carter in 1978 following an outcry of protests from NATO allies.

Asked if the neutron weapon increases the chance of nuclear war, something the Europeans are known to fear, he replied: "No, I think it makes it much harder to launch a conventional war and thereby helps preserve the peace."

"The more deterrence we have...the more ways in which we can be correctly perceived as being able to inflict unacceptable damage to any attacker, anywhere in the world, the more likely we are to maintain the peace," Weinberger said.

Weinberger said the Soviets were upset because the neutron weapon "gives us the greatest deterrent against their kind of warfare, overwhelming masses of infantry and tanks." He said the Soviets now have 45,000 tanks compared with the 11,000 NATO tanks in central Europe.

"This is the kind of imbalance that they have now produced in the central European front and it is essential that there be some effective defense weapon against it, all of which we hope will never have to be used," he said.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the United States will consult European allies before sending any of the new weapons overseas but acknowledged their opinions were not sought before Reagan decided to resume production.

Speakes would not say whether the United States plans to eventually seek permission from allies to store the weapons in Europe.

In The Hague, about 50 demonstrators Tuesday barred the entrance to the United States Embassy in protest against the U.S. decision to produce neutron bombs. The demonstrators, participants in an international march for demilitarization, held several banners, one of them reading: "The Neutron Bomb: A Simple Arm for the Extermination of People."

Police watched the demonstrators, but did not intervene. The protest followed a smaller march Monday in front of the embassy, in which 30 youths expressed opposition to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's decision. Other demonstrators assembled in front of the



NEUTRON MISSILE: A file photo of a Lance missile being tested, one of several delivery methods which would be used by the military for neutron warheads, released by the Pentagon Monday.

French, West German, Italian, Soviet and Spanish embassies to protest military policies of those countries.

The Netherlands government has said the decision to produce the bomb was an internal U.S. matter. But former Defense Minister Max van der Stoel said he regretted the decision. The Netherlands Parliament last February opposed deployment of the weapons on Dutch territory.

At Oxford, England, Denis Healey, deputy leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party, Tuesday criticized Washington's decision to build neutron warheads.

"Russia is bound to respond (to Washington's move) either by producing neutron

bombs for herself, or by retaliating against their use in war with her existing nuclear weapons which will destroy property and contaminate ground," Healey told a party meeting. Britain's ruling Conservative Party, unlike Labor, has reacted sympathetically to the Washington decision.

The Soviet Union Monday launched a second angry attack on President Reagan's neutron decision and said he was playing with fire. The government newspaper *Izvestia* said the move was a particularly dangerous one in the present international climate. It repeated a warning that Moscow would now feel compelled to "respond to the challenge."

Balsemao denounces critics

LISBON, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Portuguese Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao handed in his formal resignation Tuesday, denouncing the permanent and systematic opposition to his seven-month-old government from within the ruling democratic alliance.

Balsemao emerged from a 90-minute meeting with President António Ramalho Eanes saying he would carry on as premier until a solution to the political crisis was found, shifting the responsibility of forming a new government to those who ousted him from office. President Eanes, a central figure in the quarrel between Balsemao and his hard-line critics, would issue a communiqué, the prime minister said.

While Eanes has the power to reject a prime minister's resignation, the chief executive was expected to approve Balsemao's move and clear the way for Social Democra-

tic Party choice of a successor later in the week.

Balsemao's Social Democratic Party (PSD), Portugal's largest, summoned a new meeting of its ruling national council for Friday to choose the head of the next government.

Tuesday was the first time that he had publicly stated that the opposition to his government was coming not just from within his own party, but from the alliance as a whole. The democratic alliance, which won a comfortable parliamentary majority in last October's general election, is made up of the PSD, the Christian Democrats (CDs) and the tiny Monarchist Party (PPM).

The prime minister's criticism brought into the open a growing split in the alliance between its conservative wing and the liberals headed by Balsemao. It is a confrontation that transcends usual party boundaries.

Poles give strike alert on food despite warning

WARSAW, Aug. 11 (R) — Polish workers, apparently ignoring a threatened government crackdown, called new strike alerts over food shortages Tuesday as the Solidarity union and the Communist Party held separate talks.

The national leadership of the independent union Solidarity met for the second day in Gdańsk to review government economic proposals while the party's new central committee gathered in Warsaw to consider ways of improving the deteriorating situation in the country.

The meetings followed a warning by Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski Monday that the government was planning measures to stop demonstrations against the national

Soviet ships enter Baltic

BRUSSELS, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — More big ships are joining the Soviet Armada in the Baltic for naval exercises, NATO military sources said Tuesday. It appeared to be the largest concentration of warships in the Baltic since World War II, they said.

The 17,000-ton helicopter-carrier *Leningrad*, from the Black Sea fleet, was about to enter the Baltic Tuesday, escorted by the 8,000-ton Kresta class cruiser *Admiral Isachenkov*, the sources said. The two vessels are expected to join about 50 ships already in the Baltic, including the 38,000-ton aircraft carrier *Kiev* and several large amphibious units.

NATO military sources see no direct link between the exercises and the current unrest in Poland. But they say the armada off the Polish coasts adds to the pressure on the troubled Warsaw Pact country. The scale of the exercise, involving for the first time units from the Soviet Union's four fleets, meant it must have been prepared years in advance, they said.

The 23,000-ton service ship *Boris Chilikin* is also on its way to the Baltic, the sources said. It is one of the first Soviet purpose-built ships supplying the fleet with oil, ammunition, spares and food. The NATO sources said the landing exercise was a prelude to bigger exercises. The Western alliance, and also neutral Sweden, are closely watching the situation in the area, they said.

S. Pacific states demand self-rule

PORT VILA, Vanuatu, Aug. 11 (AFP) — Fourteen south Pacific nations ended their annual forum meeting here Tuesday which was marked by strong attacks on French policies in the region. France came in for heavy criticism over its continued nuclear testing in French Polynesia and for its continued rule of such Pacific territories as New Caledonia.

A delegation comprising some representatives of forum members — Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Vanuatu — will visit France early next year to seek clarification of the French government's intentions on its south Pacific territories.

New Caledonia was singled out as a special case for discussion and the territory's Kanak Liberation Front was present at the meeting to lobby support for its cause.

The Cook Islands, one of the region's mini-states which have played an assertive role at the meeting, sponsored a resolution adopted by the forum that commits member states to a firm stand on proposed nuclear dumping by Japan in the Pacific, at the meeting of Commonwealth heads of government in Melbourne next month.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

I was recently in a London restaurant — one of a grade I shall call "popular," where there's no question of reservation, and where you often find yourself having your meal in the company of complete strangers. And this was the situation which developed at a table nearby, where two Middle Eastern looking ladies sat eating, who were later joined by two Englishmen.

One of the men turned to the women next to him and, very civilly, I thought, tried to start a conversation by remarking that the two ladies looked foreign and asking where in fact they had from. "Iran," said the woman, somewhat curiously. And are they living here or just touring, the man asked.

And it was here that the lady blew up. "We're here," she said quite loudly, "to subsidize the impoverished British people." Now this, I thought, was too much. The woman perhaps had the right to resent the man talking to her uninvited. She might also have really disliked being in Britain; where she might be staying against her will, given the trouble in her own homeland. But that was no way to answer. Here comes trouble, I thought, as I prepared to do my Kurt Waldheim act the moment the hostilities started.

And had the incident taken place in France or Italy, I'm certain my services would have been called upon very soon. No foreigner would have been allowed to get away with insulting the host country in this way. But this was Britain, and here they do things differently.

Did you hear what the kind lady just said?" the man turned to his friend — saying the words loudly for all to hear. "She has come all the way to help our ailing economy." Then he turned to the woman, who already looked as though she thoroughly regretted her outbursts:

"And did our Foreign Office invite you here to perform this kindly deed?" She shook her head negatively, quite confused. "Oh, I see," he went on, "You came quite uninvited. All the way from that distant land. No one bothered to ask you, and you still came..."

The woman was by now almost in tears as she left her table hurrying for the door.

Game, set and match, I thought. And with hardly any blood drawn.

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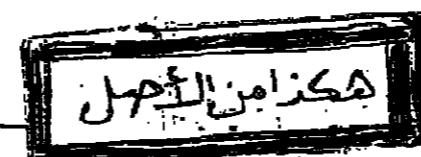
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